

Genscher praises Assad

DAMASCUS, Jan 15, (AP): West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher began a visit to Syria today, praising President Hafez Assad and saying he looks "forward with great interest" to his talks in Damascus.

Genscher is the highest ranking Bonn official to visit Damascus since the European Economic Community imposed sanctions against Syria after it was implicated in 1986 plot to blow up an Israeli airliner in London. Syria denied the charges.

Government sources in Bonn indicated yesterday that West Germany, which holds the current presidency of the EEC would like the sanctions against Syria lifted.

"I am happy to visit Syria again and to have the chance to continue dialogue with Syrian officials, and follow up important issues connected with international policy," Genscher said in a statement at Damascus airport.

Deep

"There is a deep convergence of points of view between our two countries," he said.

Genscher was greeted on arrival by his Syrian counterpart, Farouk Al Sharaa.

During his two-day stay, Genscher was expected to meet with Assad and other Syrian officials.

In his arrival statement, Genscher said: "We appreciate the responsible and important role played by President Assad and Syria in this region. Therefore, it is important for us at this stage precisely to exchange views and dialogue based on responsibility by the two sides."

He said: "I will discuss bilateral relations and I am looking forward and with great interest to my talks in Syria."

The West German Foreign Ministry said yesterday that Genscher's talks would also touch on the 7-year-old war between Iran and Iraq, the situation in Lebanon and chances for an international Middle East peace conference.

Cutting intercontinental nuclear arms by half and curbing space weapons

Soviets make new offer on limiting missiles

GENEVA, Jan 15, (Reuters): The Soviet Union made new offers on cutting superpower intercontinental nuclear arms by half and curbing space weapons at a special negotiating session with the United States today.

Soviet arms delegation leader Alexei Obukhov said the new proposals covered ways of implementing an agreement in principle to cut intercontinental-range weapons by half, to 6,000 warheads on each side, and limit space arms.

The meeting at the Soviet

diplomatic mission lasted an hour and 40 minutes. It included 20-strong teams on each side. The superpowers opened their ninth round of arms talks yesterday.

President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told negotiators to complete a treaty to halve strategic, or intercontinental, nuclear arms as soon as possible — preferably in time for signing at a summer summit in Moscow.

Chief American arms negotiator Max Kampelman

entered the session with Henry Cooper, head of the US team on long-range arms, and Read Hamner, head of the team discussing space and defence weapons.

US arms delegation spokesman Terry Shroeder said the Soviets presented a single document which covered both long-range and space weapons.

"The emphasis was on defence and space arms," he added, but declined to give details. "We will study it carefully."

Shroeder said the presentation by Obukhov was followed by a

good deal of discussion between the two delegations. Kampelman left for Washington shortly after the meeting concluded.

Soviet negotiators requested the special session late last night and Kampelman had to delay his plans to leave for Washington this morning.

Obukhov and Kampelman met for lunch when the talks opened yesterday but the senior Soviet negotiator told reporters he made no mention of the planned new offer.

The separate teams on long-

range arms and space weapons will meet today to discuss the Soviet proposals further. Leon Masterkov heads the Soviet team on long-range weapons and Yuri Kuznetsov leads the team on space arms.

The superpowers have argued bitterly over defence and space weapons since resuming their arms control effort in March 1985, and a summit in Iceland in October 1986 broke down with angry exchanges on the issue.

The dispute centres on the Strategic Defence Initiative

(SDI), or "Star Wars" project, launched by Reagan in March 1983. SDI has been studying land and space-based anti-missile defence systems meant to shoot down attacking rockets.

The Kremlin has fiercely opposed the project, saying it would upset the nuclear balance between the superpowers and herald an arms race in space.

Soviet negotiators insisted at the outset of the talks that the "Star Wars" project be abandoned, and still want strict limits on research and development.

Argentine rebel official flees as troops move in

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Jan 15, (AP): The leader of a rebellion at a military school escaped from house arrest under the cover of night, authorities said today.

Lt Aldo Rico, leader of the April revolt at Campo de Mayo Army base in Buenos Aires, apparently fled with a group of rebel sympathisers, the government news agency Telam reported.

Two Army officials found no sign of Rico when they looked for him where he and about 40 armed sympathisers were holed up, Los Fresnos Country Club, Telam said.

A communiqué reportedly signed overnight by Rico had warned he would not be taken into custody "until a minimum of justice is guaranteed," saying his case jeopardises "the stability of the system, internal peace and national defence."

Arrest

Salvador Lentini, owner of the country club where Rico had been held under house arrest since Dec 30 pending trial, was quoted by Telam as saying he had no idea where Rico had gone.

There was an unconfirmed report Rico had been injured while abandoning his home, where about 20 shots were heard.

Loyalist troops, tanks and armoured vehicles had arrived early today at an Army base near

the country club in northwestern Buenos Aires.

Army Chief of Staff Jose D. Caridi ordered the show of force, which includes 14 tanks and 16 vehicles, to maintain discipline in the armed forces and help bring Rico to justice to face charges in connection with the April revolt even if it led to "blood and fire."

Military sources told the Argentine news agency, Diarios Y Noticias, that Caridi fired three garrison commanders who declined to take part in the military action against Rico and his sympathisers.

Charges

Military judge Hugo Beltramo was scheduled to go to the country club at 8 a.m. (1100 GMT) with an order for Rico's return to jail to face charges of rebellion and disobedience in connection with his April 19-21 takeover of a military school at Campo de Mayo.

He faces a prison term of five years to 25 years if convicted.

Military sources say at least 20 sympathisers, most armed with handguns and rifles, were at the country club along with Rico, his wife and two children. Most were believed members of the armed forces who took part with Rico in the April revolt, which ended peacefully with Rico's surrender.

Rico had been held for eight months in military confinement at Campo de Mayo after his arrest.

Iranian factions rally to Khomeini's ruling

NICOSIA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Iranian leaders have rallied to a ruling by supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini on state powers which opens the way for reformist legislation on controversial economic issues.

The public display of unity came after Khomeini sided with reform-minded groups in the leadership and declared last week the Islamic government had absolute powers and could nullify Islamic contracts if they were harmful to state interests.

The ruling, Khomeini's strongest pronouncement on the crucial issue of state authority, flew in the face of the traditionalist conservative wing in the Iranian leadership which seeks to limit the government's role in the economy.

But within a week members of the Guardian Council, a 12-man body of clergy and lawyers with veto power over parliament and a bastion of traditionalist views — fell into line and joined other officials in praising Khomeini's landmark verdict.

President Ali Khamenei, whose interpretation of the role of the state was rejected by Khomeini as too narrow, declared he accepted Khomeini's views as "inviolable principles of Islam."

Analysts say this underlines the unique role of Khomeini, 85, and his unrivalled authority which makes open, legal opposition to his views virtually impossible.

However traditionalist views have a wide following among bazaar merchants and senior Muslim clergy who are unlikely to give up their private sector policies easily.

Norway to expel 3 more Iranians

OSLO, Jan 15, (Reuters): Norway has decided to expel the remaining three of 11 Iranian leftists jailed last month for storming their country's Oslo embassy, police said today.

The three, who had requested asylum in Norway, will be expelled to France, where they already hold resident visas, a police spokesman told Reuters.

The other eight were expelled earlier this month to Sweden and West Germany.

"We do not know exactly when the Iranians are to be expelled as we need a guarantee from France that they (the authorities) will accept them," police spokesman Villars Nilsen said.

Jackson, Harris and U2 win 4 Grammy nominations each

NEW YORK, Jan 15, (UPI): American singers Michael Jackson and Emmylou Harris and the Irish rock band U2 headed the list of pop nominees for the 30th annual Grammy awards announced yesterday.

Jackson, Harris and U2 all had four nominations. Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, Los Lobos, Prince, Wynton Marsalis, Itzhak Perlman and eight other artists were nominated in three categories.

U2 could be the big winner, with nominations for Album of the Year ("The Joshua Tree"), Record of the Year and Song of the Year ("I Still Haven't Found

What I'm Looking For").

The most nominations in the classical categories went to Kathleen Battle with a total of five nominations, including Best Classical Vocal performance and four nominations in the opera category.

Best male Both Jackson and Springsteen were nominated for Best Male Pop Vocal performance. Jackson's "BAD" album was nominated for Album of the Year and the Title Track was nominated for Best Male Rhythm and Blues Vocal performance. Jackson shared a nomination for Producer of the Year with

Quincy Jones.

Springsteen also picked up a nomination for Best Rock Vocal performance for his work on the "Tunnel Of Love" album, and Best Rock Instrumental performance for "Paradise by the C."

The winners will be announced at the Grammy Award ceremonies telecast live from Radio City Music Hall on March 2, hosted by comedian Bill Crystal for the second straight year.

The National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences chose the nominees for recordings in 71 categories released during the year running from Oct 1, to Sept 30, 1987.

US to dismantle airbase near Madrid

MADRID, Jan 15, (Reuters): The United States has agreed to dismantle its base at Torrejon near Madrid, Spain's Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez told reporters today.

Fernandez Ordonez said Washington would remove all 72 F-16 fighter-bombers from the Torrejon base no more than three years after signature of a new bilateral defence pact.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the new pact was likely to be signed by May.

Friday's announcement was the culmination of 18 months of often tense talks between Spain and the United States on Madrid's demand for the base's removal.

Terms

"The United States has accepted Spain's terms for troop cuts," Fernandez Ordonez told a news conference after the weekly cabinet meeting.

He said this meant US troops would leave Torrejon altogether and would be cut by half throughout Spain.

The United States retains airbases at Saragossa in northeastern Spain and Moron in the south as well as a major naval

base at Rota near the Strait of Gibraltar.

It had been allowed to station up to 12,500 troops in Spain under a 34-year-old defence agreement.

Cleared

Fernandez Ordonez said the breakthrough agreement came at 8.30 am (0730 GMT) today and cleared the way for negotiations on a new defence pact to start on Feb 3.

"The attitude of Spain has been loyal... we wanted a stable and mature relationship with the United States," he said.

Deadlock on its demands for significant cuts in US troops prompted Spain's Socialist government to say last year it would not automatically extend the pact first signed in 1953 under the late dictator Francisco Franco.

Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez had pledged to win significant cuts in US troops when he campaigned in a national referendum in 1986 to uphold Spain's membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (Nato). Spain joined the alliance in 1982.

5-year-old girl killed

SEOUL, Jan 15, (Reuters): A South Korean man surrendered to police today and confessed to kidnapping and killing a five-year-old girl to finance his marriage, a police spokesman said.

Ham Hyo-Sik, 26, admitted abducting Won Hye-Jun six weeks ago and receiving a ransom equivalent to \$6,300 from her parents, he said.

Ham, a former truck driver, told police he used half the sum to get married two days after he killed the child.

Faster test to detect AIDS found

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (Reuters): US researchers say they have found a faster and more sensitive laboratory test to detect the AIDS virus in humans.

The scientists said yesterday the test detects the AIDS virus even when it is in a latent stage inside blood cells, and they said it takes three days to complete the test, compared with up to four weeks required to detect the virus by attempting to culture it in the laboratory.

The researchers, from the US centres for disease control in Atlanta and Cetus Corp. of Emeryville, California, published their findings in Science Magazine today.

Copying

The test works by zeroing in on the AIDS virus's nucleic acid, or genetic fingerprint, and copying or "amplifying" it for easy detection.

In its latent form, "finding the AIDS virus is like looking for a needle in a haystack. But this procedure can home in on the virus's nucleic acid and make a million copies, creating a haystack of needles," John Smitsky, head of the Cetus diagnostic programme, said in a telephone interview.

Cetus hopes at some point to market the test in a joint venture with Eastman Kodak, Cetus officials said.

Meanwhile, health ministers from about 130 countries are expected to attend a meeting in London later this month to discuss ways of fighting the killer disease AIDS, a World Health Organisation (WHO) spokesman said today.

Sergeant arrested

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (Reuters): A US Army sergeant, Daniel Richardson, at an important military testing base has been arrested for allegedly attempting to sell national defence secrets to the Soviet Union, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced.

Seoul boy in coma after police torture

SEOUL, Jan 15, (Reuters): Korean state prosecutors are investigating allegations that a 16-year-old boy fell into a coma after being tortured in police detention, prosecution sources said today.

In Seoul, more than 1,000 students hurling firebombs and rocks fought pitched battles with teargas-firing riot police on a university campus, yesterday marking the first anniversary of student activist Park Chong-Chol's death under police torture.

The 16-year-old, Myong No-Yol, collapsed a week ago after being battered with clubs by two policemen in Suwon, just south of Seoul, while being questioned on suspicion of raping and killing a high school girl, the sources said. He failed to regain consciousness, and was surviving on a life support system.

Alleged

The sources said prosecutors were questioning several policemen, including the one alleged to have taken part in the beating. The other officer implicated was still being sought.

South Korean newspapers said Myong lay brain-dead in a Suwon Hospital, but there was no immediate confirmation.

South Korean President-elect Roh Tae-Woo had earlier pledged to reopen a probe into the police cover-up of Park's death after a government doctor who carried out the post mortem, said not all the facts had been revealed.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Gang of Four

BEIJING, Jan 15, (UPI): China said today that Mao Tse-tung's widow Jiang Qing and the rest of the infamous "Gang of Four" remain in prison for crimes committed during the 1960 cultural revolution, calling reports some have been released "groundless."

It was the first response in the official press to recent reports that Jiang, 74, serving a life sentence for orchestrating the murder and persecution of thousands during the 1960s and 1970s, had been released due to ill health to serve her time at a daughter's home.

Medicine shortage BEIJING, Jan 15, (AP): The lives of some patients in Shanghai hospitals are at risk from a lack of such basic medicines as insulin and penicillin, the official China daily reported today.

The daily, quoting a report from a Shanghai newspaper, said about 160 medicines have fallen far short of demand, mainly as a result of a lack of raw materials and low prices that discourage production.

War-disabled team BANGKOK, Jan 15, (AP): The United States today sent a team into Vietnam to discuss ways to help the one-time enemy with its humanitarian problems, including invalids from the war with the United States.

US embassy spokesman Ross Petzing said a four-member team, the third such delegation to Vietnam, would meet with "counterparts in Hanoi to continue discussions regarding Vietnamese humanitarian concerns."

Hurricane VILA, Jan 15, (AP): At least 2,000 people were left homeless and many fled to caves for shelter after a hurricane lashed this south Pacific island nation, officials said today.

"Homes were completely destroyed in the north and they're living in caves," said James Moni, programme producer at radio Vanuatu.

Plane crash JAKARTA, Jan 15, (AP): A light Cessna aircraft carrying five people crashed in the jungle of east Kalimantan, killing one passenger, an Indonesian official said today.

The pilot, Terry Wohlgenuth, an American, and another Indonesian passenger were being treated for light injuries, an official of the search and rescue agency said.

Malnutrition DHAKA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Malnutrition and vitamin A deficiencies have already blinded more than one million Bangladeshis and another million are close to losing their eyesight, doctors said yesterday.

Among the victims are nearly 30,000 children suffering from an eye disease mainly caused by malnutrition, a conference of the ophthalmological society was told.

Hepatitis test CHICAGO, Jan 15, (UPI): All pregnant women should be tested for hepatitis B and the infants of those who test positive should be immunised shortly after birth, government scientists say.

Such a programme could prevent more than 2,500 new infections in the United States and save \$105 million a year, according to a report in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Bork quits WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (Reuters): Angry over a campaign that sank his US Supreme Court nomination, Robert Bork has quit as a federal judge to fight for his conservative judicial philosophy.

Collision THOMPSONTOWN, Pennsylvania, Jan 15, (AP): A coal train that apparently ran a stop signal slammed head-on into another freight train yesterday, killing four of the six crewmen aboard the trains, officials said.

N. Korean woman (Continued from Page 1) eight days of interrogation.

Diplomats speculated Seoul did not make the confession public until now because it did not wish to discourage communist countries from accepting invitations to take part in the Olympics.

Moscow and its main East European allies have now confirmed they will take part, clearing the way for the North Korean spy's public confession.

China, which sent troops to fight alongside North Koreans during the Korean War, also announced this week it would participate in the Games.

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Armed presidential guards patrol the area where President Aquino attended a campaign rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

Extremists harming democracy

Aquino denounces violence

MANILA, Jan 15, (AP): President Corason Aquino today denounced the mounting violence in campaigns for next week's local elections, saying it was part of desperate efforts by leftist and right-wing Philippine extremists to derail her country's return to democracy.

Mrs Aquino issued the statement after a visit to a candidate wounded in a series of violent incidents that left at least seven people, two of them candidates, dead and 11 others injured throughout the country in the last 72 hours.

Death toll
The military, which depends on delayed reports from rural areas, says 67 people, including 34 candidates, have been killed since the campaign for Monday's balloting began on Dec 1. Local mass media place the death toll at more than 80.

"I must strongly deplore the

continuing violence in the current campaign for the Jan 18 elections," Mrs Aquino said. "These acts of violence prove that the enemies of democracy have resorted to naked and wanton terrorism as a last desperate act."

She blamed the killings on the "extreme left and the extreme right" who are "out to plunge our country into anarchy and derail the elections" in the same manner that they tried to disrupt ratification of a new constitution in February 1987 and last May's congressional elections.

In the latest election-related incidents, unidentified gunmen killed three people and wounded seven others, including three candidates, in separate incidents Thursday, police said.

Among the candidates injured was Walfrido Ferrer, administration nominee for mayor of the Manila suburb of Paranaque,

who suffered a gunshot wound in the abdomen when three gunmen opened fire on a stage during a campaign rally last night.

A female bystander was killed and seven other people, including two candidates for the town council, were injured, police said. Ferrer is the younger brother of the late local government secretary Jaime Ferrer who was assassinated last August.

Earlier, Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said on Thursday the Philippines would never achieve stability or democracy until the outlawed Communist Party was made legal.

"Unless we undertake this integration, we can never enjoy fully fledged democracy," he told a meeting of diplomats.

But Manglapus said President Aquino did not feel it was the proper time politically to take up the issue and others in government did not share his belief.

Islamabad doesn't possess N-device, certifies Reagan

US aid to Pakistan will continue

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (Agencies): President Reagan today certified in December that Pakistan "does not possess a nuclear explosive device," clearing the way for American aid to Pakistan to continue, the Washington Post reported today.

Reagan's letter, required by Congress, was sent to congressional leaders Dec 17 but not released publicly.

Reagan wrote that based "on the evidence available and on the statutory standard, I have concluded that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear explosive device."

Concern

"The proposed United States assistance programme for Pakistan remains extremely important in reducing the risk that Pakistan will develop and ultimately possess such a device," Reagan wrote, according to the Post. "I am convinced that our security relationship and assistance programme are the most effective means available to us for dissuading Pakistan from acquiring nuclear explosive devices."

Reagan's assessment comes despite US intelligence reports that Pakistan has been producing weapons-grade enriched uranium.

White House acceptance would clear the way for the disbursement of \$480 million in US military and economic assistance to Pakistan this fiscal year.

"We have serious concerns about Pakistan's unsafeguarded nuclear programme and the threat of nuclear proliferation in South Asia," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

Sources in the administration said the State Department had concluded that Pakistan likely played a role in an attempt to smuggle two restricted metals out of the United States last year.

But the sources said the department was recommending that Reagan invoke a provision of a 1985 law sponsored by Representative Stephen Solarz allowing the government to continue aid if it is in US national security interest. Redman told reporters "no final decision has been made by the President on the applicability of Solarz amendment."

Under that measure, Congress suspended new aid to Pakistan last September out of concern over its programme to develop nuclear weapons. In December, however, lawmakers voted for \$480 million in new economic and military aid, \$60 million less than the Reagan administration requested.

Certificate

The administration also sent Congress a legally required certification that Pakistan did not have a nuclear bomb.

The new State Department recommendation was consistent with that ruling. The White House was expected to relay it to Congress, perhaps before it reconvenes on Jan 25, said congressional and administration sources.

Administration officials have argued that cutting all aid might force Pakistan to turn to nuclear weapons for defence.

They also worry that cutting of aid might prompt Pakistan to stop channelling an estimated \$500 million in US aid to Afghan Mujahedeen.

Disclosure of the recommendation came as private task force

urged the administration to withhold at least some advanced conventional weapons from Pakistan "to enhance the credibility of US nonproliferation efforts in the region in light of Pakistan's recent nuclear activities."

Probe

Meanwhile, West German Environment Minister Klaus Toepfer said today he had asked for full-scale probe into "dreadful suspicions" that weapons-grade nuclear material may have been shipped illegally to Pakistan and Libya by a West German company.

The federal Parliament met in an emergency session to discuss revelations that were quickly developing into a major scandal after a night of frantic meetings to assess the impact from the growing affair.

"In light of the dreadful suspicions that fissile material could have been shipped to Pakistan or Libya through Germany, in addition to the ongoing prosecutors' probe, I have put all means at my disposal to bring the facts to light," Toepfer told a stormy session of Parliament.

Pakistan raps India over Soviet submarine

ISLAMABAD, Jan 15, (Reuters): Pakistan has denounced the acquisition of a Soviet nuclear-powered submarine by its giant rival India and accused Moscow of irresponsibility and disregarding peace in the region.

A foreign ministry spokesman in Islamabad charged that India was recklessly expanding its military power in a way that could only make other states in the region feel insecure.

"India's acquisition of nuclear submarines highlights its headlong militarisation manifest already in its amassing of missiles, aircraft, artillery, tanks and warships," the Pakistani spokesman said.

He also denied Indian reports that the two countries, which have fought three wars since independence in 1947, had clashed on Sunday and Monday in the disputed Himalayan state of Kashmir.

"At a minimum (it is) a gross exaggeration, if not totally false," he said.

India became the second nation in Asia after China to have nuclear-powered submarines on Jan 5 when the Soviet Union handed one over under a lease agreement.

Indian Television has said the vessel would be used for training, but few other details have been made public. The weekly magazine India Today said in a recent issue that New Delhi could lease four to six nuclear submarines.

Groom quits over dowry

NEW DELHI, Jan 15, (Reuters): An Indian groom left his bride-to-be standing with the priest because her family failed to come up with a dowry, police said today.

Ajit Singh ran away from the procession taking him to his wedding in New Delhi yesterday when the bride's father failed to meet a last minute demand for the dowry.

The giving of dowries, while outlawed, is still widespread in India.

Policy reversal by Chirac

France readmits Iranians

PARIS, Jan 15, (Reuters): Fifteen expelled Iranian and Turkish refugees returned to France and Spain last night in what commentators said was a humiliating policy reversal by conservative Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

The climbdown came barely three days before Chirac is expected to announce he will stand candidate in presidential elections in France due in April.

The 15 refugees, who had all been granted political asylum before they were expelled to Gabon on Dec 8, were allowed to return to Western Europe for humanitarian reasons, the French Interior Ministry said in a statement.

Many of the refugees had been on hunger strike since their expulsion. The seven who arrived in Paris were taken to hospital for treatment after landing.

Chirac's government said the

refugees had been plotting terrorist acts, but sympathisers said they were pawns in an "ugly deal" between Paris and the Iranian government.

Deals

Opposition socialists said the expulsions were part of complex deals with Tehran to try to free French hostages held in Lebanon. Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin said: "Chirac has been forced to bow to the pressure of opinion."

Socialists and human rights activists said Chirac caved in to domestic and international outrage over the expulsions and the hunger strikes by the refugees' families and sympathisers in Paris, London and Washington.

Under an agreement between Paris and officials of the People's Mujahedin organisation, the 15 were allowed to return on condition they ceased any militant

activities.

The Spanish government agreed to accept eight of the refugees — five Iranians and three Turks — and the rest arrived later yesterday in Paris, smuggled in to a military base away from the glare of publicity.

Chirac, interviewed on French Television, said he would announce his plans for standing for President tomorrow. Party sources say he will definitely announce he is running.

Commentators said Chirac, trailing coalition partner Raymond Barre and President Francois Mitterrand in opinion polls ahead of the April poll, was losing support because of his tough line on the refugees.

Chirac said the Iranian dissidents in Paris had agreed to halt their protests in France against Tehran in return for his agreement to allow the 15 to return.



Military drummer of the Indian Army playing a patriotic song for the Army Day parade in New Delhi. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rebels refuse to share power with Kabul left

ISLAMABAD, Jan 15, (Reuters): Afghan Mujahedeen said on Thursday they would not share power with communists, despite reported remarks by Pakistani leaders that a future interim government should include members of the current Kabul administration.

The New York Times quoted President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq and Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo as saying in separate interviews that only a compromise involving all warring parties could guarantee an end to the nine-year-old guerrilla war.

Coalition

This meant some members of the pro-Soviet government, through not necessarily President Najibullah, should be included in an administration to take over after a Soviet troop withdrawal, they were quoted as saying.

Questioned about the Pakistani officials' remarks, representatives of three of the seven Pakistan-based resistance reiterated their refusal to share power with their enemies.

"We cannot accept a coalition government," was the reaction of alliance chairman Yunus Khalis, according to a spokesman for his Hezb-e-Islami party. Khalis did not elaborate.

"Newspaper interviews are not official positions, we don't consider this an official position," Najibullah Lafrate, political officer for Jamiat-e-Islami, said.

"As far as a coalition government with communists is concerned, this is rejected by the Mujahedeen," he said.

Najibullah Mojaddidi, general secretary of Jabha-e-Nijat-Milli, said he had not seen the text of Zia and Junejo's reported remarks and any reaction would have to come from the seven-party alliance as a whole.

But the Mujahedeen had always rejected the idea of communists sharing in a post-Soviet administration.

"Any individual who has participated with the puppets is considered by us a pro-Soviet who has helped the Soviet presence in Afghanistan," he said. "They are included in the same category."

Indians punished for rape

JAFFNA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Four Indian soldiers have been discharged and sentenced to one year in prison after conviction for rape in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna peninsula, an Indian officer said on Thursday.

The soldiers were among 35,000 Indian troops posted to the north and east to enforce an Indo-Sri Lankan accord last year to end a Tamil separatist revolt.

Brigadier R.I.S. Kahlon, Jaffna town commander, said the four were brought before a court martial within 96 hours of the filing of charges and punished

under Indian Army regulations. This was the first time an Indian official had admitted that accusations of rape made by residents against Indian troops, who started landing in Sri Lanka on July 30, had been found to be true.

Residents also have complained about molestation of women, thefts and harassment. Kahlon told a group of journalists who were taken on a conducted tour of Jaffna.

He said all complaints were investigated and most were found to be incorrect.

Sikhs kill family of eight

AMRITSAR, Jan 15, (AP): Sikh extremists gunned down 10 people today, including eight members of a family and a police inspector, police said.

Two Sikh militants on a motor scooter came to the residence of inspector Prem Nath in the Sikh holy city of Amritsar early today and killed him and his wife, Nirmla, with AK-47 assault rifles, said Ishar Alam, the police chief. Nath, 47, was a Hindu.

A teapot and cups lay scattered in a pool of blood at the residence near a busy city square.

Khalistan Commando Force, an underground terrorist organization, claimed responsibility for the killings in a note left at the scene, he said. The extremists are fighting for a separate homeland in the Punjab, which they envision would be called Khalistan.

In another attack, an unknown number of terrorists came to house of Shankar Singh in Nadiala Nagar village in Gurdaspur district last night and opened fire, said Chaman Lal, a deputy inspector general of police.

Lal said that nine assailants stormed the house of Singh and opened fire. Singh and seven others, including his three sons and a daughter, were killed.

The latest killings raised the death toll to at least 61 in Punjab this year in attacks blamed on Sikh extremists. More than 1,000 people died last year in the Sikh-dominated northern state.

Taiwan prepares for Chiang funeral

TAIPEI, Jan 15, (Reuters): Taiwan began preparations today for a huge state funeral for President Chiang Ching-Kuo as the stock market rebounded strongly in the first sign of confidence in the new administration.

Leaders of the ruling Nationalist Party and government met to work out details of the funeral, expected to be the island's biggest since Chiang's father, China's wartime leader General Chiang Kai-Shek, died in 1975, party sources said.

But they said the funeral was not expected to be held in the next two weeks as the nation continued to mourn Chiang, who died of a heart attack on Wednesday.

The government has declared a month of national mourning during which all demonstrations have been banned. Leave for the military and police has been cancelled.

Thousands of mourners continued to throng the Veterans'

General Hospital in a Taipei suburb to pay their last respects to the man who had been the chief architect of Taiwan's "economic miracle."

Officials wearing black armbands queued in front of the hospital. Ordinary citizens and retired soldiers, carrying Chiang's portraits, wept and waited in public.

Democracy

"We believe the time has come for us to move into high gear to a more advanced stage of constitutional democracy," Ma Ying-Jeou, deputy secretary-general of the Nationalist Party, told reporters.

The Nationalist government led by World War II leader Chiang Kai-Shek, Chiang Ching-Kuo's father, moved to Taiwan in 1949, after losing a civil war to the communists on the Chinese mainland, and extended authoritarian rule over the island, which prospered economically.

150,000 Iranian pilgrims

NICOSIA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Iran will send 150,000 to the yearly pilgrimage in 1988, Tehran Radio said on Thursday.

The radio, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Iran's top Haj (pilgrimage) official Mehdi Karubi as saying Iranian pilgrims would hold demonstrations in Makkah led by Karubi. Most of the victims were Iranian.

Makkah and Medina "in a more resolute and determined manner than before."

More than 400 people were killed last July 31 in violent clashes between Saudi security forces and mainly Iranian pilgrims during an Iranian demonstration in Makkah led by Karubi. Most of the victims were Iranian.

Bangladesh unrest loss exaggerated

DHAKA, Jan 15, (AP): An independent survey published Thursday disputed government figures on how much money months of political unrest has cost the country in decreased production.

Political unrest caused a loss of 8.5 billion takas (\$258 million) in decreased production in November and December, the survey said. It said government estimates of a daily loss of \$50 million were exaggerated.

The loss of production was due to intermittent general strikes called by opposition parties demanding the ouster of President Hossein Mohammad Ershad, said the survey, conducted by the Metropolitan Chambers of Commerce and Industry, a local business forum.

The group said the country lost 500 million takas (\$15.15) on each day of strike.

In addition to political unrest, which has mainly hurt industry, floods also have damaged the economy, the survey said.

The country's primarily agrarian economy lost 3.16 per cent of its Gross National Product due to floods last year.

The cumulative effect of the floods and the unrest mean the economy will lose 4.86 per cent of its Gross National Product in 1987, the business group said.



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Mubarak arrives in Baghdad after ending Gulf tour

Egypt's Arab image boosted

BAGHDAD, Jan 15, (Agencies): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak today arrived in Baghdad from Saudi Arabia on a visit to Iraq within the framework of his current Gulf tour.

Mubarak was received by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and other ranking Iraqi officials. The Egyptian leader arrived here from Saudi Arabia where he performed the Omra.

Mubarak ended a six-nation Gulf tour on Thursday and headed for Saudi Arabia to visit the holy places in Makkah. The President, who started his Gulf swing in Saudi Arabia last Saturday in talks with King Fahd, left after meeting Sultan Qaboos Bin Said of Oman.

Egyptian officials said the two leaders discussed the Gulf war, one of the main topics covered in all the countries he visited. His itinerary included Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates as well as Oman and Saudi Arabia.

Commitment
The tour has won Mubarak both prestige and prospects of aid for his debt-ridden country, diplomats said.

For its part, Cairo restated its commitment to the security of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states in case of any Iranian attack.

Mubarak's visit was his first since nine Arab states resumed diplomatic ties with Egypt in November after eight years of ostracism.

Regional Arab banks were now reconsidering their decision



Hosni Mubarak

to close credit lines to Egyptian banks said. Arab diplomats said they expected investment in Egyptian development projects to soar.

Troops
On the military front, Mubarak's political aide Osama Baz said in Oman the GCC states did not ask for Egyptian troops.

But sources close to the President said he reviewed contingency plans in case of a direct Iranian threat spilling over from Tehran's war with Iraq.

Egypt is reluctant to send troops to the region in case Iran sees this as a provocation. But Mubarak told Gulf leaders he would not hesitate to implement a 1950 defence pact if need be.

When asked what measures he would take in case of a direct Iranian attack of any of the GCC states, Mubarak, a former Air

Force chief, said: "I cannot discuss these matters with the press."

Arms

Most Arab states, including all the GCC countries except Oman, severed links with Egypt when it signed its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Nine states restored relations last November after an Arab league summit freed them to act individually.

Mubarak offered Egyptian-made arms to any Arab state seeking to defend itself. Diplomats said Kuwait, the target of occasional Iranian missile attacks, would get some weapons and military experts.

Egypt already supplies Iraq with about a billion dollars worth of arms a year and is interested in new Gulf markets to boost production.

Peace conference
Despite Mubarak's calls for Arab unity against Iran, he has repeatedly urged Tehran to make peace.

The President also discussed efforts to convene an international, UN-brokered, peace conference on the Middle East. He demanded a united Arab stand to convince Washington to pressure Israel into accepting such a meeting.

"Once the Arabs act wisely and agree on representation at the international conference Israel will be left alone," Mubarak told Qatar Television.

He wants a common Arab position before going to Washington later this month.



● The Chairman and Director-General of Kuwait News Agency (Kuna), Barges Al Barges (centre) meeting a delegation of students of the Jordanian University. The head of the delegation, Dr Hani Abdul Rahman, presented Al Barges with the flag of the university and a number of its publications.

Subscribers making plenty of phone calls will be charged

A KUWAITI daily, quoting a Kuwait Ministry of Communications spokesman, said that additional charges would be imposed on telephone subscribers who make more than an average number of internal calls, which would apply to both office and home subscribers.

Meanwhile, Undersecretary of Kuwait's Communications Ministry, Abdul Aziz Al Ayoub, said that the ministry's project to modernise telephone networks in the country is in its final stages, but added that there was still work being done to transfer above-ground cables to underground networks and to lay lines in new areas.

Al Ayoub said the ministry fines contractors who destroy telephone cables during their work, adding that charges will also be made to cover the actual cost of the destroyed materials as well as the fine.

Video Tex

The undersecretary said the telephone communication systems among GCC states are now linked through underwater cables and satellites and that unified tariffs for calls made between GCC countries had been in effect for some time.

A new project for an information system, Video Tex, has started and the ministry has installed all necessary computer equipment for the system. Al Ayoub said, adding that the ministry has allocated 30 per cent of the income from this system to future development.

The ministry's postal service is now completely developed and the postal code system and automatic letter sorting implemented, with improved results, he said, with the exception of mail addressed to the Sabah Al Salem and Bayan areas, which is still being organised.

Charges for cleaning services under study

THE Director General of Kuwait Municipality Rashed Abdullah Al Othman said the legal committee of the municipal affairs committee is preparing a study on the feasibility of charging for Municipality cleaning services. The proposed charges would not exceed KD1 per month for each residential unit, he said, adding that there would be different categories for defining these units.

The issue of fee collection is still under consideration, he said, adding that the Ministry of Electricity and Water had refused to include this fee on their bills. He said the Municipality hoped to reach a decision soon about fee collection which would involve one of the government departments or ministries in order to avoid the high administrative cost of the process.

Directory of scientists

DR Yusuf Saadah, the head of the human resources development unit at Kuwait's Educational Research Centre, said the unit is preparing a directory of names of those involved in scientific experiments and development plans in various countries.

In an interview with the Kuwait News Agency Dr Saadah said the aim of the directory is to provide human resources for scientific and educational research and the development of cultural, social and economic planning.

The project is designed to also help officials to select systems which experience has proven efficient and effective, he said, and will be updated every three to four years.

Senator calls for more US-Soviet cooperation

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (Kuna): A US Senator, touring the Gulf, is calling for expanded cooperation between the US and Soviet Union in protecting the Gulf region and ending the Iran-Iraq war, press reports here quoted him yesterday as saying.

Speaking to American reporters, Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania said that the Reagan-Gorbachev summit opens new possibilities for joint US-Soviet peace efforts in the Gulf.

Specter also disclosed that for the first time the US responded on Jan 5 to a Soviet request to hunt a mine in Gulf waters showing rare cooperation between the two superpowers in the Gulf waters.

The US responded by sending two helicopters in response to a Soviet message giving the location of a suspected mine. The Russians eventually blew up the mine.

Specter said a Soviet minesweeper escorting a merchant ship passed the suspected mine but sailed on until the ship was out of danger. When the Soviet minesweeper returned to search for the mine, it radioed the battle cruiser Richmond Turner for help.

The Turner then radioed an accompanying American war-

ship to launch its Lamps-3 surveillance helicopter to aid in the search, accompanied by a second helicopter gunship to provide protection.

In his comments, Specter, a member of the Senate Appropriations and Intelligence Committees, urged the Soviets to support a US-sponsored arms embargo against Iran. Despite hints last month of a change in positions, Soviet officials recently have again suggested that an arms embargo is premature.

The senator also suggested that a Soviet-proposed United Nations peacekeeping naval force with US and Soviet participation might effectively protect international shipping in the Gulf.

A unified US-Soviet stand, Specter stressed, is the key to solving the region's problems. "If the Soviet Union and the US make up their minds to do something, it will be done," he said.

Unified civil defence law

A KUWAITI daily, quoting a well-informed source at Kuwait's Interior Ministry, said the deliberations were underway between Gulf Cooperation Council Interior Ministers, to reach a unified strategy on implementation of the civil defence law, following the system used in Kuwait.

The source said that eight specialised Kuwaiti officers working in this field have been selected to represent the country in the deliberations and to explain the system followed in Kuwait for civil defence activities.

The source added that a new department of National Security would be set up at the ministry following the completion of relevant studies.

65,000 crossed borders for spring holiday

A TOTAL of 65,000 people travelled abroad for the spring holidays through land routes alone, a Kuwaiti daily reported, adding that a comparable number was expected to have left the country by air.

The daily said that this number represented people travelling through Abdali, Salmi and Nuwaiseeb border crossings last week.

Gel-like slime from Gulf catfish helps heal wounds

LOS ANGELES, Jan 15, (AP): Venomous Gulf catfish excrete a gel-like slime that dramatically speeds the healing of cuts and might spur development of new wound treatment for humans, a researcher says.

"If you put it on a wound, you can actually see the wound start to close over in the next two or three minutes," said Richard Criddle, a professor of biochemistry and biophysics at the University of California at Davis.

"I used it on me. It works great," he said on Wednesday. Criddle and Kuwait University biochemist J.M. Hassan spent part of the last five years catching and scraping the slime coating off arius bilineatus, a species of saltwater catfish that grows up to 3 feet long, sports venomous spines and scavenges the muddy bottom of the Gulf.

The scientists found that the

slime contains antibiotics, a coagulant that helps close injured blood vessels, anti-inflammatory agents, and a chemical that directs production of a glue-like material that aids healing.

Their research started after they heard that Arab fishermen rub catfish on their wounds to quicken healing. In a telephone interview from Davis, Criddle said he doubts the slime itself could be marketed for human use because of the difficulty in catching enough of the catfish and because the gel may contain undesirable substances.

But he said he is analysing the makeup of the slime in hopes of developing a similar substance that could be used on humans.

Secrets

Laboratory tests showed the slime reduced by up to two-thirds the amount of time needed for healing of cuts on mice, rats and

rabbits. Criddle said, adding that he used it once when he cut his hand during a fishing trip. He said Hassan successfully used it on himself about a dozen times.

The gel causes a brief stinging sensation when it is applied to cuts, Criddle said. When wounded, the catfish secrete the slime from glands near the surface of their skin, Criddle said.

Criddle said the slime helps injured catfish avoid attracting predators.

"If they get injured, they heal very rapidly," he said. "You don't want to bleed in the sea. It draws the unfortunate attention of predators."

Criddle said the research supports scientists' suspicions that many bony fish carry skin cells that promote healing. But, he added, most such fish release the contents of the cells inside their bodies.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Mideast peace conference

A KUWAITI daily opined on Thursday that the idea of an international peace conference on the Middle East is a "dead" one, indicating that the countries who brought it into being are not convinced with it.

Al Rai Al Aqm, in its editorial entitled "the international conference, a waste of time," said "despite our deep conviction of the futility of the idea, we seek the big powers to endorse it and encourage Israel to accept it."

The daily said that the hope for success for such a conference is "zero" because it is unlikely that the victim appeals an unjust verdict to the same judge who passed it. Loss is certain in both cases.

A possibility for a settlement is absolutely impossible in the near future, either through an international conference or any other proposal by the UN Security Council or the superpowers, it pointed out.

It said, "the international conference is one of the biggest political tragedies in the world," adding, "if years of contacts were needed to prepare for it, then its holding in case Israel agrees to it, will require five years and maybe more to implement the solution."

GULF PRESS

Israeli defiance of UN decision

UNITED Arab Emirates newspapers in their editorials on Thursday stressed that Israel's defiance of the international decisions demonstrate its colonialist nature in seeking to usurp Arab lands and expel their people.

Al Ithnadh newspaper of Abu Dhabi asked "what has the United Nations Security Council done to face the deliberate defiance of its resolutions and what steps does it plan to adopt to enforce respect for its decisions?"

The newspaper noted that the uprising in the occupied lands, which led to the council's resolution condemning the expulsion of Palestinians, will continue to have an effect on future moves by the council. The stone-throwing revolution which tied down the American veto will surely move the world public opinion against the expulsion operations.

The newspaper appealed for "united Arab support of the uprising facing the Zionist arrogance and to ensure its continuity and escalation, the only decisive reply to the enemy."

Al Bayan newspaper of Dubai said "the Israeli enemy has stopped the Security Council twice, once when it rejected the condemnation of repressive measures in occupied lands and in its refusal to cancel the decision to expel activists."

The newspaper added "Israel also insulted the council when it prevented the United Nations envoys from carrying out his mission or entering the Palestinian camps."

The newspaper also said "the Israeli continued defiance of the United Nations is proof of the hypocrisy of those who speak about human rights in relation to the alleged rights of Jews trying to immigrate to Israel while they support with arms and money, and even diplomatic actions, all illegitimate Israeli actions."

Plants distributed to campers

KUWAITI's General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources distributed hundreds of plants to campers at a number of camping areas on Wednesday.

Abdul Mohsen Al Galaf, the head of the authority's gardens section, said that over 2,000 plants had been given to campers in an effort to change desert camping sites to green areas. Campers were shown how to plant and care for the plants, which are a type generally grown in desert regions, he said, adding that the authority was pleased with the positive response of citizens in receiving the idea of greening the desert.

Al Galaf encouraged residents to check on the growth of trees they had planted, and said that if the idea of having campers plant trees and plants was widely accepted, the authority would repeat the distribution in coming years.

Drugs shortage solved

THE acting Undersecretary Ibrahim Al Mudaf of Kuwait's Health Ministry said the shortage of drugs at health centres and hospitals had been solved following an increase in the budget from KD14 million to 18 million.

Al Mudaf said that the dearth in drugs was the result of government's attempts to curb expenditures on medicines and failure to take hospital and health centre expansion into consideration. He added that the demand for drugs was continually increasing and that the whole drugs supply at the ministry had been exhausted prior to approval of the additional budget demands.

The acting undersecretary said that the increased budget enabled the ministry to import larger quantities of drugs without affecting the drugs in reserve for emergencies.

University results

KUWAIT... University will announce the results of the second-semester exams next week, said the dean of admission and registration, Dr Mustafa Marafi.

A total of 355 students, mostly Kuwaitis, had taken the examinations.

Commenting on admissions, Al Marafi, said seats have been reserved for students from GCC countries. Many GCC students have applied for seats in various faculties and they have been selected, he said. Seats are also reserved for Kuwaitis and children of military personnel, he added.

Enrolment has begun and several Kuwaitis have completed formalities. Acceptance will be mailed to each student, he added. Students will be given the chance to apply for the subject of his choice.

Computer-aided admissions are to be introduced next year. Staff are now being trained to use the new system, recently installed at the university.

29 accidents

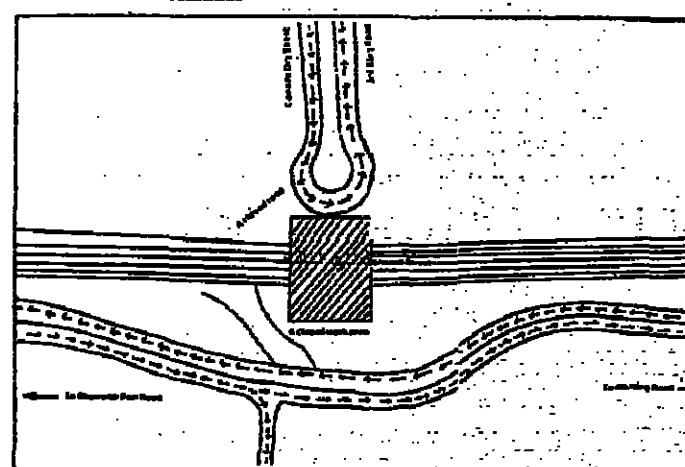
TWO men died in traffic accidents on Thursday.

There were 29 traffic accidents in Kuwait, with three taking place in the capital, three in Hawalli, five in Ahmadi and 18 in Jahra.


Road closed

A SOURCE at Kuwait's General Traffic Department announced that traffic from Shuwaikh Port to Ghazali Street will be detoured to Mohammed Ibn Al Qasim Street because of the closing of the intersection of Third Ring Road and Ghazali Street.

Traffic from Ghazali Street to Shuwaikh Port will be detoured to Fourth Ring Road and then Mohammed Ibn Al Qasim Street and then to the port.



The diagram shows areas that are closed to traffic.



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Khomeini sides with radicals

By Martin Marrs

NICOSIA. (AP): Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini, by affirming the absolute power of Islamic government, appears to have sided with radicals whose proposals for economic reform have been blocked by conservatives.

The 87-year-old patriarch recently accused President Ali Khamenei, who has support among Iran's wealthy merchant class, of trying to limit the role of government, which he said was "an institution ordained by the Almighty and founded with absolute power."

Several Iranian leaders quickly expressed approval for Khomeini's statement.

The latest figure to join the fray, Prime Minister Hussein Musavi, has said that Khomeini's decree would strengthen the "executive arm" of government.

Musavi told Tehran Radio, monitored in Nicosia, that Khomeini's statement "solves a lot of problems which the Islamic republic has confronted."

Blocked

The Prime Minister has been at the forefront of efforts to control soaring inflation, crack down on "profiteers" and redistribute land against resistance from the business community and some religious leaders.

Legislation on these issues has been consistently blocked by the 12 member Council of Guardians, which scrutinises all legislation, on the grounds that Islamic laws on the sanctity of private property would be violated.

Despite opposition from the council and from Iran's wealthy merchants whose prices would be controlled, Khomeini last July gave the government special powers to enforce its campaign without having to go to the courts.

Price controls were imposed on 24 types of goods in an effort to control galloping inflation, estimated at more than 50 per cent.

Frustrated

Under Iran's theocratic constitution, all legislation passed by the Majlis, or Parliament, must be approved by the Council of Guardians, made up of religious experts.

Musavi has long been known as an advocate of strong economic measures to help the poor, but Khomeini's latest dictates have also drawn support from more moderate leaders.

Khomeini's designated successor, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, has expressed little frustration with the council's actions.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted him as saying the council should consider the needs of the country and the realities of the revolution "in different periods."

US conservatives afraid of an Afghan sellout

By E. A. Wayne

WASHINGTON: Some American conservatives, alarmed by apparent warming in US-Soviet ties, are warning that the administration may bargain away too much in order to get a settlement in Afghanistan. But informed United States officials say that is poppycock.

These conservatives say the danger of "selling out" and mismanaging the situation is evident in reports of policy disagreements between the White House and the State Department. The debate concerns when the US would be willing to stop aid to the Afghan resistance as part of an overall settlement package.

Stories about disagreement are way overblown, State Department and other officials say. The US will hold firm in its support of the Afghan mujahideen until Moscow has agreed to a short withdrawal timetable and a date certain for that to begin. With this and other assurances that the resistance will not be endangered, officials add, the US will stick to its previously confidential agreement to terminate aid to the guerrillas when the Soviet troop withdrawal begins.

Thus far this is academic, officials say, because Moscow has yet to move beyond enticing words to a firm and acceptable withdrawal plan. No substantial

Montazeri even suggested that the council should hold joint sessions with Parliament so the two bodies could align their views.

Although Montazeri has been a staunch defender of the right to private property, which is stressed in the Quran, his reference to the "different periods" of the revolution suggested a possible shift in his position.

The powerful Parliament Speaker, Hashemi Rafsanjani, said Khomeini's affirmation of government power showed the patriarch's "depth of leadership and competency of management."

He told Parliament that Khomeini's leadership had saved the people, the revolution and Islam from discord and sedition, Iran reported.

Rafsanjani, a pragmatist who is close to Khomeini, appealed to Khomeini last June to help break the deadlock over economic legislation, but Khomeini demurred until July.

The revolutionary patriarch has reluctantly intervened in day-to-day economic issues and indicated that he prefers legislation to grow out of consensus.

Indications of that reluctance appeared last week when he said in his letter to Khamenei that he would have preferred not to say anything on the issue "in the present sensitive situation."

In defence of the government's rights to expropriate property, Khomeini said it had the right to destroy a house, or even a mosque, as long as it paid a right-of-use fee to its owner.

"Our government ... has priority over all other Islamic tenets, even over prayer, fasting and the pilgrimage to Makkah," he was quoted as telling Khamenei.

Diminish
The jockeying for power among Iranian leaders appears to be intensifying and contentious economic issues could figure prominently in the run-up to parliamentary elections April 8.

Khomeini last month announced a new "political will and testament" on how Iran should be run after he dies. No details were released.

Observers believe that in a post-Khomeini Iran, Montazeri may be not much more than a figurehead, with real power going to the winner of a coming power struggle.

Rafsanjani, whose prestige was partially dented by reports he was involved in the US arms-to-Iran affair, appears to be trying to identify himself as closely as possible with Khomeini's line.

The current victim of the power struggle appears to be Khamenei. Although Khomeini told him that he prayed to God to "save people like you who have no intention but to serve Islam," his accusation that Khamenei misquoted and misinterpreted his views can only diminish the President's prestige.

progress was evident during the US-Soviet summit, they say. Until the Soviets bite the bullet, the full range of US support (including covert military aid) for the mujahideen will continue.

The next opportunity to measure Soviet intentions will be the expected February round of United Nations indirect talks between the Soviet-supported Afghan regime and Pakistan.

Sen. Gordon Humphrey (R) of New Hampshire, lashed out at the administration's handling of Afghanistan. Senator Humphrey, a longtime champion of the Afghan resistance, charged that the administration was not applying enough pressure on Moscow to withdraw its troops.

The US is not giving enough high-level attention to the Afghan problem, he said. Calling for a "manly" policy in "the face of genocide," Humphrey said he felt betrayed by the "gap between the rhetoric and the practice" of the administration on Afghanistan.

The senator's remarks — at a round table discussion sponsored by the Heritage Foundation, a conservative public policy research institute — seemed to reflect the more general souring of some conservatives on President Reagan's approach to the Soviets since the INF agreement was concluded.

Israeli Army bar reporters from entering occupied areas

By William B. Ries

JABALIA, occupied Gaza Strip. (UPI): A Palestinian driver threaded a white Peugeot through smoldering barricades blocking the deserted streets towards an intersection where an Israeli soldier ordered the car to stop.

The young soldier, gesturing with his automatic rifle, told the driver and four passengers to get out of the car and join several Arabs lined up on the sidewalk for an identity card check.

But the button-down shirts and notebooks of the three men in the back seat made it obvious that they did not live in Gaza, they were Western journalists trying to get into the Jabalia refugee camp where young Palestinians and Army troops had clashed savagely a day earlier.

"What are you doing here? The area is closed," one member of the army patrol said in halting English. "Go back to Jerusalem."

More and more the Army has prevented reporters from entering the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in the weeks since the virulent anti-Israeli protests first erupted Dec. 9, according to reporters covering the unrest.

Difficult
"In the past few days an increasing amount of territory is being restricted and it is becoming more and more difficult to do our jobs," said Robert Slater, chairman of the Foreign Press Association in Israel.

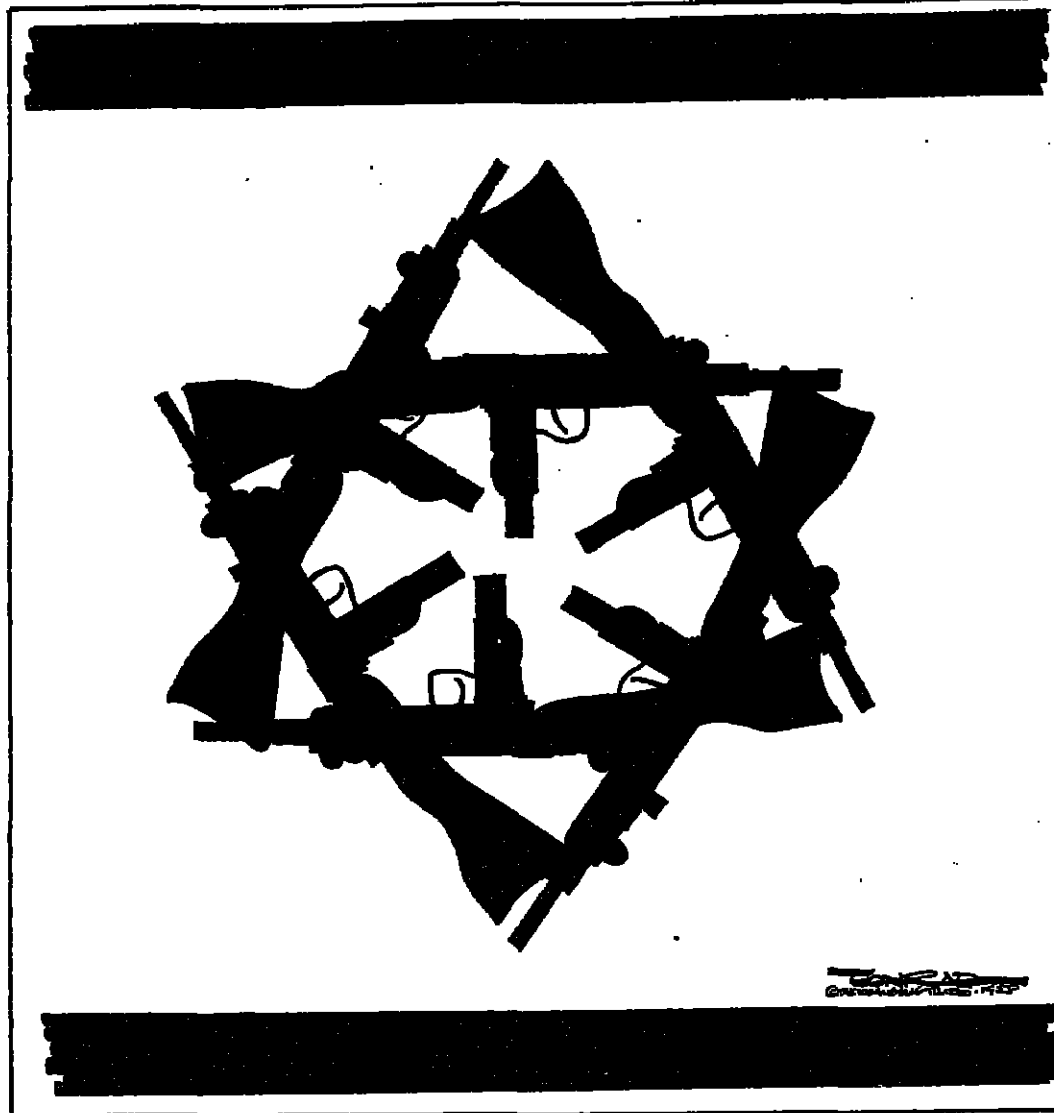
"We are increasingly disturbed to hear that the military authorities are moving to close off the occupied territories from our coverage," he said.

Since Dec. 9, at least 35 Palestinians have been killed and hundreds wounded in clashes with Israeli soldiers.

Israel has detained nearly 2,000 Arabs and poured additional troops into the territories in an unsuccessful attempt to quell the rioting, which Palestinian leaders say has been fuelled by the spiraling death toll and 20 years of Israeli occupation.

Top Israeli leaders and the

Gagging journalists



military repeatedly have said they will not limit press access to trouble spots, but they have charged reporters frequently give a one-sided picture of the unrest.

"Many times there is a great deal of exaggeration in the impression you receive when you are abroad," said Avi Pazner, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's media adviser.

"American television gives you two minutes of what is going

on in Israel, when everything is pictures of stone-throwing and burning of tyres, you could certainly receive a mistaken impression," he said.

Shamir has admitted that officials considered putting the territories off limits, but the idea was dropped.

In the past week, soldiers have barred journalists, photographers and television crews from many areas of Gaza that have

been declared military zones. Unlike the early days of the unrest, soldiers now have signed orders closing locations.

Beaten

Despite the closures, an Army spokesman said there has been no change in policy, adding it is up to commanders in the field to decide when an area is a military zone and off limits to the press.

Amir Weinberg, a photographer for Israel's biggest news-

paper, Yediot Achronot, allegedly was beaten by soldiers, and he and his wife detained when they tried to follow armoured cars into Bani Suheila, where Bassam Khader Musadlam, 20, was shot dead during demonstrations.

An Army spokesman later said Weinberg had acted wildly.

Several reporters said they were not allowed through the Erez checkpoint, the main entrance to the 25-mile (40 km) long coast strip, a move that effectively closed the entire Gaza Strip, which is surrounded by the Mediterranean and barbed wire.

Israeli officials contended some of the violence is encouraged by the presence of reporters. Occasionally, a few reporters on foot in a refugee camp will draw dozens of youths, who turn the event into a spontaneous demonstration.

During a television interview, Pazner said an ABC cameraman was under investigation for allegedly paying children to set fires.

Fact

ABC Tel Aviv bureau chief Bill Seaman has denied the charge, saying the network has strict rules against such behaviour.

Reporters usually hire taxis with white Gaza licence plates to travel in the occupied territory because youths immediately hurl stones at any vehicle with yellow Israeli plates.

When turned away from a military area, reporters frequently try to reach the sprawling refugee camps by back roads, and then on foot to get to demonstrations.

"The Gaza Strip is burning," said ABC cameraman Yossi Mula, who is accused of paying children to start fires. "We don't have to incite or burn. We don't have to do a thing. We film what's in the field."

"People in Israel know there are 'disorders', but this is far from being just 'disorders'," he told Israel Radio. There's no comparison between what is really happening and what is known inside Israel.

Siniora used to make headlines

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (Reuters): Hanna Siniora, detained on Thursday in an Israeli clampdown on Palestinian journalists, has made headlines before by urging a boycott of Israeli products and offering to become Jerusalem's first Arab mayor under Israeli rule.

Siniora, editor of the Al Fajr daily newspaper, was arrested hours before he was due to hold a news conference calling for Palestinian civil disobedience to protest against 20 years of Israeli occupation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He was freed several hours later.

This month he urged Palestinians to boycott cigarettes and soft drinks in a drive he said could lead to a tax strike and a boycott of work in Israel by residents of the occupied areas.

"Gandhi started with salt. We are starting with cigarettes," Siniora, 50, told reporters, comparing his call to Mahatma Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign that led to India achieving independence from Britain in 1947.

Born in Jerusalem, Siniora studied pharmacy at Benares University in India after his expulsion from Lebanon in the early 1960s for political activity.

A Christian resident of East Jerusalem, who also runs a family pharmacy in the walled old city, Siniora was chosen by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat as a prospective delegate to Arab-Israeli peace talks.



Siniora

In 1984, when Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein drew up a list of a dozen possible peace negotiators, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, then Israeli prime minister, rejected all except Siniora and Gaza lawyer Faez Al-U Rahmah.

Palestinian activists said Siniora lost much of his support in the territories, however, when he announced last June that he was considering running against Israel's Teddy Kollek for mayor of occupied Jerusalem.

PLO supporters charged the move would legitimise Israel's sovereignty over East Jerusalem, which Israel captured from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East war and annexed shortly afterwards.

A tall, bespectacled man with a moustache, Siniora was one of the first Palestinian nationalists to defy hardliners and openly declare moderate views toward the Jewish state.

He says a PLO-led Palestinian state should exist alongside Israel in the West Bank and Gaza, not in its place. Siniora, who meets Arafat when abroad, has headed Al Fajr and its companion English-language weekly since 1974 when its editor, his cousin Jack Nasser, disappeared mysteriously.

Tigers of Asia prey on movie, book pirates

By Ron Scherer

NEW YORK: Last Christmas, movie fans in Singapore bought pirated copies of "Top Gun," "Club Paradise," and "Crocodile Dundee." This Christmas, many of them watched "La Bamba," "Space Balls," and "Innerspace" — legally.

After years of allowing the pirating of American movies, books, and audio tapes, the "four tigers" of Asia — Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Hong Kong — are yielding to pressure from the United States to honour and enforce American copyrights.

Japan, long a haven for pirates, conducted 33 raids of illicit businesses in the first six months of the year. And other Asian nations that still allow pirates to flourish are under increasing pressure to stop the practice.

Advances

This shift could mean millions of dollars in extra sales of US goods to countries that are running large trade surpluses with the US.

Already, American book publishers report that sales this year are up 400 per cent in Taiwan and Singapore. Sales of legitimate videotapes now make up 60 per cent of the Japanese market — a substantial improvement over past years. Illegal audio cassettes have been virtually cleared from the streets of Singapore, where three years ago such illegal purchases made up 85 per cent of the total market.

It is likely the report will find

that while losses are declining, trade abuses are continuing. For example, US publishers charge that book pirates in South Korea used forthcoming changes in Korea's laws as a marketing tool. "They told buyers to purchase illegal books before the text-books went up in price or were not available," reports Carol Risher, director of copyright and new technology at the Association of American Publishers.

Books
The publishers say they believe the pirates unloaded half of the two million books pirated annually, costing US companies \$15 million to \$20 million.

"We obtained a computer printout representing 980,000 copies of US pirated books, listed by author and publisher with the price in Korean won and how many copies were available," says Eric Smith, a Washington lawyer who specialises in international copyright law. Other Asian countries have picked up the illegal trade when their neighbours have stopped.

Piracy in South Korea has been endemic. Valentine of Arthur Young recalls that during a visit to Seoul he saw merchants who would sell "any designer label you wanted" into clothing or footwear. Fashion-conscious shoppers could buy counterfeit Cartier luggage, Rolex watches, and Pierre Cardin suits.

Still other Asian countries have picked up the illegal trade when their neighbours have stopped. "Cleaning up Singapore has led to problems in Indonesia," complains Jason Berman, executive director of the Recording Industry Association.

The International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers in London estimates 80 per cent of the cassettes bought in Thailand in 1986 were pirated, up from 55 per cent in '84. The organisation estimates piracy represents nearly the entire market in Indonesia and 87 per cent of the Malaysian business.

Sophisticated

The pirates go to extremes to protect their turf. The local licensee in Thailand for Warner Bros. received a bomb in the mail and had to install X-ray equipment. "There is a heavy level of serious criminal involvement," says Molly Kellogg, antipiracy director at Warner Bros.

The pirates not only sell in the local markets but export movies as well. The usual route is through the Middle East and to Europe. "We've had recent US releases end up in Ireland with Chinese subtitles," Ms Kellogg says. As for audio tapes, Berman says his office frequently finds pirated tapes at US flea markets.

Filmed movies — usually action films — often are of low quality, since they are sometimes shot right off the screen. But the pirates are sophisticated marketers, often reshooting films once they can get a better copy. "I think they've taken marketing courses at UCLA," Kellogg complains.

In Taiwan, piracy has also become more sophisticated. The Taiwanese have set up about 1,000 "public performance cen-

tres" in the past eight months. The Taiwanese owners say they are providing "private booths," where individuals can invite their friends in to watch movies. But money changes hands, and the shops include viewing booths that can seat up to dozen people at a time. Recently, industry executives say, a 120-seat viewing centre opened, showing pirated videotapes of first-run movies on a 200-inch video projection screen. "It's eroding the traditional cinema," complains William Nix, vice-president of antipiracy at the Motion Picture Association, "and we are very much up in arms over that."

To try to counter the pirates, the association has begun an antipiracy foundation that will include local lawyers, investigators with police backgrounds, and local distributors. They will work with the Taiwanese government to make sure the local laws are enforced.

Enforcement

Despite these problems, US businessmen are pleased to see some progress, especially in enforcement. In March, the Philippine government raided one major pirate, seizing 64,000 illicit tapes.

In Singapore, the government is prosecuting six cases a month. This is especially significant for the film business because 91 per cent of the 600,000 TV-set owners also have video recorders.

"Once we get the bugs ironed out," predicts Mr Smith, the Washington lawyer, Asia "could become the second-largest market in the world. From the standpoint of intellectual property, it is very underdeveloped." The Christian Science Monitor.

Senate majority at stake in November polls

By Robert Green

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): The unexpected retirement of some prominent Democrats is giving the Republican Party hope that it can regain control of the US Senate in November's elections.

Senate Democrats, however, are adamant that they will still be in charge after the elections, which will choose President Reagan's successor and determine the political makeup of the Congress with which he must work.

Democrats control the 100-seat Senate 54 to 46 and the House of Representatives by 258 to 177. All 435 House seats are at stake in the elections along with 33 of the Senate posts.

The party in control of each chamber of Congress gets a majority on all committees, where much of the real work is done and decisions made. It also sets the schedule for bringing up bills.

Chance

The Democrats seem certain to keep a majority in the House, which they have controlled since 1954, but Republicans believe they have a solid shot at regain-

ing the Senate majority they lost in the 1986 mid-term ballot.

"I think we have a terrific chance of taking the Senate," said Tom Mason of the Senate Republican campaign committee. "We've got some open seats we weren't expecting."

He was referring to retirements by senior Democrats John Stennis of Mississippi, Lawton Chiles of Florida and William Proxmire of Wisconsin. All probably would have been re-elected but Republicans now thinking they can win in those states.

But three Republicans also have said they will not run again and Democrats think they can take two of those seats, in Virginia and Washington.

"We're sure the Senate is going to stay Democratic," said Bob Chlopak of the Democratic Senate campaign committee.

He noted the Republicans would have to hold all their current seats, win the three where the Democratic senators are retiring and win another two seats from Democratic incumbents to take over.

Republicans would need only a net gain of four if they win the

presidential elections. The vice-president, elected as part of the President's ticket, is allowed to cast votes in the Senate to break deadlocks.

The outcome of the Senate fight could hinge on the presidential contest.

In 1980, Reagan's landslide triumph helped his party oust 12 incumbent Democrats to give Republicans control of the Senate for the first time in 26 years.

The Republicans kept control in the even bigger Reagan landslide of 1984, but Democrats regained the majority in the 1986 elections when the presidency was not at stake.

The Democrats now are more vulnerable because, of the 33 seats at stake, 18 are currently held by Republicans.

At least 10 of the Democratic incumbents and six of the Republicans are expected to be re-elected without much trouble so the parties are concentrating on states where a switch is possible.

Chief Republican targets include New Jersey and New York, where US Attorney Rudolph Giuliani, well-known for prosecuting mob figures and

sending financier Ivan Boesky and other Wall Street figures to jail, may run against Daniel Moynihan.

Democrats are aiming at Republican seats in Nebraska, Nevada, Minnesota, Rhode Island, California and Connecticut.

Aiming

Chlopak said the Democrats had recruited a number of good candidates, among them Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III, son of the late vice-president and Senator.

Assistant House Democratic leader Tony Coelho said he expected little change in that heavily Democratic chamber since incumbents have been winning 90 per cent of their races in recent elections.

Only 10 of the 435 House members have said they are not seeking re-election, including four running for the Senate, but several others are expected to retire.

Johanna Schneider, an aide to House minority leader Bob Michel, said Republicans hoped to gain about 20 seats but agreed that they could not win control of the House.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1581 — Britain's Parliament takes stern measures against Roman Catholics.
- 1646 — Courtrai, Belgium, falls to French Army.
- 1666 — France, allied with Holland, declares war on England.
- 1761 — British takes Pondicherry after siege, making end of French dominion in India.
- 1778 — France recognises US independence.
- 1864 — Austria and Russia send ultimatum to Denmark for repeal of constitution calling for incorporation of Schleswig.
- 1906 — Algiers conference on Morocco opens.
- 1925 — Leon Trotsky is dismissed from chairmanship of Russia's revolutionary council.
- 1964 — Thirteen Arab nations, meeting in Cairo, agree to set up military command to strengthen Arab position on problems related to Israel.
- 1966 — Major General Aguiyi Ironsi takes over power in Nigeria after announcing that an attempted coup had been smashed.
- 1969 — Soviet cosmonauts achieve first linkup of two manned spaceships while in orbit around earth.
- 1973 — United States and South Vietnam declare ceasefire in Vietnam war in hopes of full peace pact.
- 1979 — Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi flees Iran after new civilian government is approved in Parliament.
- 1987 — Hu Yaobang resigns as head of China's Communist Party, accepting blame for policy mistakes stemming from student turmoil.

TV CORNER

Pick of the Week

- **The Long Hot Summer:** Sunday's new best-seller promises to be an interesting feature about life in America. This story revolves around a rich and influential man who employs a stranger.
- **Spitting Image, Fridays** at 7.30 pm: despite being an outdated earlier series, it makes interesting viewing, poking fun at the way things are today — from politics to society.
- **Airwolf II (Fridays, at 6.30 pm)** carries on from the first series after Dominic Santini is killed and Stringfellow Hawke is critically wounded. The new team features St John Hawke, Stringfellow's brother who inherits Airwolf's legacy and power; Jo Santini, Dominic's niece, and Major Mike Rivers, a pilot and a quick-witted rebel who knows how to make the system work. Strange Power (Wednesdays, 9.30 pm) a 30-minute series about the paranormal phenomenon, focussing on unexplained events. In this week's episode, ESP, extra sensory powers, are examined.

KTV I weekly highlights

- SUNDAY**
- 4.25 Nooruddin Zanki: new historical serial, featuring Laila Taher, Ali Hassan, Sheza Salem, Laila Fawzi, Imaan Toqi.
- 5.30 Al Manahak: a 30-minute educational show for children, with Amal Dabbas, Tayseer Attia, Rabe'e Shihab.
- 10.50 "Televisi": is tonight's late variety show, presented by Fawzia Abbasi.
- MONDAY**
- 3.30 Al Bahas Al Mofli: new cartoon serial.
- 5.30 Mama Anisa and Children: a weekly show for young viewers.
- 7.35 Quran and Science: part 6, prepared and presented by Dr Ahmad Shawki Ibrahim.
- 10.50 Daerat Al Ahadith (Circle of Events).
- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Al Khidmat Al Jumhour: a local programme on health care.
- 7.35 Al Quds: 20 years On: part three of programme on Jerusalem — it traces the developments from 1967 to the present times.
- 10.45 Photographs: new 15-part daily serial; 50 minutes, Abdullah Ghaith, Madina Hamdi, Jamil Raiech, Mohammad Rida and Fifayan star in this serial about a man who is framed by his friend. After being released from prison, the man plans to take revenge.
- WEDNESDAY**
- 5.15 Baini Al Ans Wa Al Yous: Between Yesterday and Today, is a new local programme for children dealing with progress in various fields. Children between the ages of 11 and 14 present the show.
- 10.50 Ayyam Atfal: last episode of this variety show featuring Samir Ghanim, Shirin, Imad



Walid Tawfiq

Abdul Halim, Walid Tawfiq, Marwan Adham, Marylyn Tabar, Dalida Rahma.

12.00 The Equaliser: featuring Edward Woodward.

THURSDAY

10.00 am Al Ribah Tariya: An educational programme presented by Jassim Ghareib on education at public schools, teaching methods, sports, arts and music.

12.00 noon Ma Da'a Anhamia Mia Akbar Jahan: weekly serial starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Al Rifai, Mohammad Hussein Abdul Rahman, Sana Abdul Rahman. A historical serial, made by television.

4.15 The Persuaders: featuring Roger Moore.

5.25 Maktabah Ala's and Hans: part 3 of children's serial, starring Ashraf Abdul Ghafoor.

10.30 Addaya: Arabic feature film.

FRIDAY

10.20 Hikayat Min Al Alam: Stories from the World.

11.00 Lecture on Islam by Dr Ahmad Abu Al Nur.

04.00 Falah Fauq Al Shajrah: Arabic play, featuring Ahmad Bader, Mimi Jamal and Hassan Mustafa.

11.00 Qulub Eina Al Ma'arafi: part 3 featuring Ahmad Al Saleh, Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussein, Ibrahim Al Habri. A play about the family and its role in two Gulf societies — Kuwait and Bahrain.



Spitting Image pokes fun at world leaders, Fridays at 7.30 pm.

This week on KTV 2

- SUNDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Lone Ranger: cartoons
- 6.30 Butterfly Island: "There is a Tide." As sheep, in an office block, wrecks havoc.
- 7.00 Understanding Islam: a weekly local show on Islam.
- 7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a light hearted look at sporting events.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Hot Shots: "Blue Birds Inn" Amanda Reed (Dorothy Parke) and Jason West (Booth Savage) investigate the death of a rich woman.
- 9.30 Foley Square: "Personals." Alex places an ad in the personal columns of a newspaper. Comedy.
- 10.00 Q.E.D.: "Mark, His Sister and the Scientists." Scientists study hereditary traits and its relationship with disease.
- 10.30 Best-Seller: "The Long Hot Summer." A stranger comes to town and is employed by a wealthy person.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
- MONDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Yogis Treasure Hunt: cartoons
- 6.30 The Animal Express: a look at baboons.
- 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news, presented by KTV.
- 7.30 Chintz: Kate Carter goes shopping in a supermarket.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 The Law and Harry McGraw: "Rappaport is Back in Town." A woman is murdered in unknown circumstances.
- 9.30 Horizon: BBC documentary. "The Mogna Chamber." How natural phenomenon occur.
- 10.30 Mini-Series: "A Year in the Life." Gardner gets back into the routine and contemplates remarriage.
- 12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown
- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Rainbow Bright: Cartoons.
- 6.30 Side Kicks: "The Cousin Who Fell To Earth." Arnie's cousin comes to the US and wants to join the police force.
- 7.00 Beyond 2000: a look at

the latest advances in science and technology. Tonight, parachuting, turtle farming, chess and computer.

8.00 News in English

8.40 You and the Law: a local programme

8.50 Heart of the City: "Of Dogs and Car Burglars." A series of burglaries take place in the neighbourhood; the police investigate.

9.40 Tracy Ulman Show: Comedy.

10.10 Cine Club: to be announced.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Holy Quran

6.10 The Get Along Gang: cartoons

6.30 Micro at Work: "Sorting Things Out." Part 2. A look at computerised mail sorting systems.

6.50 The Living Isles: "Beneath the Greenwood." The evolution of forests after the ice age.

7.30 Growing Pains: "Fast Times at Dewey High." Matt finds a new girlfriend.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Buck James: Dennis Weaver plays the title role of Buck, who operates best in life-or-death situations.

9.30 The World of Strange Power: "From Mind to Mind." ESP — extra sensory power — is tonight's subject in this series that deals with paranormal phenomenon.

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "The Rent Strike." Larry and Balki force the landlord to see their point of view.

10.30 Falcon Crest: "Body and Soul." Maggie looks for her son, Kevin.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

THURSDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball and sports magazine

6.00 Centurions: "Battle Beneath the Sea"

6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: friendship is the theme of this week's episode.

7.00 Rags to Riches: "Patty's Mom." Millionaire Nick Foley (Joseph Bologna) adopted daughter, Patty, goes to live with her real mother.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Max Headroom: "Academy." A small TV network is accused of disrupting services.

9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "Golden Anniversary." The children plan a surprise party for Mum and Dad on their marriage anniversary.

10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show

10.30 Late Night Movie: "Odessa File." Starring Jon Voight, Maximilian Schell, Maury Tamm. Frederick Forsyth's novel about an earnest German journalist who stumbles upon the whereabouts of a Nazi war criminal and risks his life to get him. Moderately successful in transition to screen. Duration: 128 minutes.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra — Princess of Power: "The Prisoners of Beast Island."

6.30 Airwolf: "Black Jack." The Airwolf team is captured by gangsters in the Far East.

7.30 Spitting Image

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

9.05 Matlock: "The Seduction." Matlock defends a football player, accused of killing his wife.

9.30 Weekend: local programme

10.00 What A Country: "California Dream." The students are asked to discuss a dream they would like fulfilled.

10.30 Crime Story: "The Battle of Las Vegas." Lucas dominates the night club business in Las Vegas.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

SATURDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

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SUNDAY

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11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra — Princess of Power: "The Prisoners of Beast Island."

6.30 Airwolf: "Black Jack." The Airwolf team is captured by gangsters in the Far East.

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11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World Today via Satellite
- 3.30 Bahas Al Mofli: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 4.25 Nuruddin Zanki: historical serial. Starring Laila Taher, Ali Hassan, Sheza Salem, Laila Fawzi, Imaan Toqi.
- 5.45 Open University
- 6.50 News Summary
- 6.55 Noor Al Islam: "The Rights of Man." Presented by Ahmad Abdul Qadir. Guests are Dr. Ismael Ibrahim Badawi, Dr. Mustafa, Mohammad Arjawi.
- 7.25 Nazrat Alal Alam: "Quebec." Documentary
- 7.45 Security and Citizens
- 8.15 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.05 Al Anzar: daily serial
- 10.50 Dafatar Al Ayam: a talk show featuring Arab Poets and Writers.
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 World News via Satellite
- 12.45 Holy Quran/Closedown



Bruce Willis and Cybil Shepherd in Moonlighting, at 8.40 pm on KTV 2

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Thundercats: cartoons for children.
- 6.30 Moon Jumper: "Good News and Bad." Nicole's friend is charged with disturbing peace in the neighbourhood.
- 7.00 Lorne Greene's New Wilderness: "Catch A Falling Stork." A look at birds in Hungary.
- 7.30 Married with Children: "But I Didn't Shoot Deputy." Al buys a gun to protect himself from thieves in the neighbourhood.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Moonlighting: "Take A Left at the Alter." Dave looks for a man who did not turn up for his own wedding. Starring: Bruce Willis, Cybil Shepherd.
- 9.30 Silk Road: "Beyond Baghdad." The history of Mesopotamia.
- 10.30 Made-for-TV Movie: "Harris." The story of a farmer and his efforts to main family harmony.
- 11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

MORNING

- 08.00 Opening
- 08.02 Songs and Music
- 08.30 NEWS
- 08.40 Songs and music
- 08.45 Daily programme
- 09.00 Cultural horizon
- 09.30 Reggae rock
- 10.00 Our Press Today
- 10.05 Songs and music
- 10.30 The years of pops
- 11.00 Closedown
- 13.30 NEWS on the F.M. service.

EVENING

- 21.00 Opening
- 21.02 Kuwait — our beloved
- 21.30 Songs and music
- 21.30 NEWS
- 21.45 Point of view
- 21.55 Songs and music
- 22.00 Kuwait in a week
- 22.15 Rock on
- 22.45 Daily programme
- 23.00 Strictly romantic
- 23.30 Amazing facts
- 24.00 Closedown

BBC World Services

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 10 Radio News
- 15 Personal View
- 30 Recording of the Week
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 30 They Sold a Million
- 0200 World News
- 15 Network UK
- 30 People and Politics
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Business Matters
- 0400 News
- 30 Here's Humph!
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

NIGHT CHEMIST

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- Al Zena Pharmacy
- Bin Khalid St.
- Salimiyah and Rumailiya
- Al Shifa Pharmacy
- Hmoud Anjari Bldg., Salimiyah and Rumailiya
- Fahad and Ahmad
- Al Ahmadi Pharmacy
- Souk Ahmadi
- Khaitan
- Al Tawfiq Pharmacy
- Raja'a Commercial Centre, South St.
- Jahra
- Al Noor Pharmacy
- Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.

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- Al Andalus
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- Al Samiya
- The Living Daylight
- Starring: Timothy Dalton
- Al Hamra
- Big Trouble in Little China
- Starring: Kurt Russell, Kim Cattrall
- Drive-In
- Al Nimr Wal Unsa (Arabic)
- Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim
- Al Firdous
- Mama (Hindi)
- Starring: Dharmendra, Suchitra Sen
- Fahad Open-Air
- Sharabi (Hindi)
- Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Jaya Prada
- Al-Fahadheel
- Sredharante Onnauturu
- Mirum (Malayalam)
- Al Jahra
- Legal Eagles
- Granada
- Stalking Moon
- Salabikhat
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- Ajanta (Malayalam)
- Ahmad Drive-In
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WHAT'S ON

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- KLT-Auditions**
- Auditions for KLT's spring production The Crucible will be held today at 6 pm (Jan 16). There are several excellent roles. Anyone who is interested contact Tel: 3904025.
- KLT-Comedy**
- The next production at KLT is a comedy Say Who You Are, directed by Steve Prescott. The gala performance is at 7 pm on Feb 1. Repeat performances are at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3, and 4. Tickets — KD3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office two days before the performance date.

FILMS

- British Council**
- Soft Targets, a feature film made with all the style and mastery of spy thrillers, will be shown tonight at 6.30 pm at the British Council. The film offers many pertinent and highly amusing insights to the East-West relationship. 90 minutes duration. Admission free but reservations must be made. Tel: 2515312.
- Japan Week**
- Jan 21: Kite flying competition, from 9 am to 1 pm, at the Science Club.

The following events will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Jan 22: children's exhibition, also featuring award winning art works by Kuwaiti children, on

MUSIC

Despite setbacks, she's still determined to be in the mainstream

Kim Wilde keeps hanging on

By Mike Hrano

MENTION the name Kim Wilde and it's sex rather than music that springs to most people's mind.

Certainly, she can sing—but it's her blonde hair and good looks that are instantly memorable, not her songs.

Now 26, the girl so often called the 'Bardot of pop' has learned to come to terms with such thinking.

For the nearest thing Britain has to Madonna is content to let others see her as they will, because she knows different.

Six years in the music business have taught her to make the most of her assets on her own terms. Blonde she may be, but dumb she is not.

"I'm a rounded sort of person with big lips, so dyeing my hair blonde was a disaster as far as people taking me seriously was concerned—or even just recognising me as an intelligent being," Kim says, recalling her teenage decision to follow in the footsteps of such famous peroxide as Marilyn Monroe and—more recently—Debbie Harry of Blondie.

"People in general have preconceived ideas, not just about women with blonde hair, who have large lips, look pretty and are famous—but about race, religion, vegetarians; everything.

"So I decided, not consciously, to put myself into an obvious bad just so that it was somewhere I could develop from. It's a kind of shield, a camouflage to sell.

"I know sex sells and I know blonde hair sells—so you know that you're on to a winner. In a way, it was quite calculated, but I also think it suits me."

More to the point, it helps Kim Wilde shift records and has done—bar one or two black periods—ever since she first turned up in the British charts with her debut hit single, Kids in America, at the beginning of 1981.

She will be the first to admit that the story of her progress through the music industry has been patchy but while others



Kim Wilde: blonde she may be, dumb she is not

allowed similar career peaks and troughs to beat them, Wilde has soldiered on.

But she has always maintained enough support to continue—so it was perhaps quite fitting that the song which last year won her worldwide popularity should be called You Keep Me Hangin' On. An energetic version of the old Supremes' classic hit from the '60s, the record not only revived her appeal at home but built on it abroad, culminating in the pinnacle of her musical achievements so far: an American number one.

It was the second time in her career that Wilde had made a comeback. After her initial success has steadily dwindled, she employed a style agency—to the tune of around \$5,000 a week—to come up with a new image for her towards the end of 1984.

The resulting re-vamp, a cross between the look of Wonderwoman and an astronaut, could only push the accompanying single to number 29 in Britain and a follow-up—The Touch—failed to make the Top 40.

Wilde quickly realised that her carefully contrived appearance had been a mistake. "My record company saw me as strong, feminine and courageous," she recalls. "And I wanted to go out and whack people between the eyes with sheer entertainment."

"It started off as fun, but very quickly it became pretentious and boring. I hated having to maintain my image throughout Europe. In the end, I grew to hate the whole concept."

"Then I suddenly started reading stuff about me being finished and about failed comebacks—and it really upset me. At the same time I knew that what I was working on was very good and I had faith in it."

Wilde admits that despite these setbacks she had never considered giving up her career, but she was worried. "Everyone who makes records wonders if they'll ever make it to the top—or even back into the mainstream—at one time or another," she says.

"I decided to put all my energies into constructing new music and a new career—in-

stead of walling in self-doubt. You can't always be number one, and it didn't worry me if I was never a success again."

"Although British audiences didn't really know me during those difficult times, I had a strong following in Europe which kept me going. Now, at last, I've grown up."

"I know what I want my image to be. I know how I want to sound—and nobody can dictate to me any more. Things are more on my terms now than they've ever been."

Wilde lives alone in a North London flat, but still keeps in constant touch with her family. She has little option; her mother Joyce, a former Vernon girl—manages her, father Marty writes songs with her, and brother Ricky produces her records.

She is happy, however, to have finally shaken off the belief that she was little more than a pop puppet, shaped and manipulated by her father. And there is no longer any great mileage in the fact that dad was a '60s pop star—his hits included Rubber Ball and A Teenager In Love.

Kim Wilde, after all, is a pop star herself. "I didn't think for a minute that all this was going to happen," she says. "Success is nice, but I'm more concerned about the reasons why I came into this business in the first place."

"There are so many distractions in success, in money, but as long as I don't lose sight of the fact that I'm here only because I want to sing, because I love performing, then I'll be alright."

Underlying such single-mindedness, however, is a basic insecurity which most popstars would never dare admit to. "It's not by luck that I am still here six years after my first hit," she explains. "I have worked really hard and so has everyone around me—but success is a strange thing."

"Part of me believes my success is going to be a long-term thing—and then there's another side that's sceptical about it lasting beyond the day after tomorrow."



Pepsi (right) and Shirlie: fragments of the Wham explosion.

High-orbit girls

By Stuart Wavell

THE pop duo Pepsi and Shirlie, fragments of the exploded group Wham!, are saving themselves. Kinetic energy, two hit singles, and a recent album have carried them on a trajectory they charted long before Andrew Ridgeley shrank from sight behind George Michael's supernova. But two years is a long time in high orbit and burn-out nags their dreams of fame and riches.

"We are saving ourselves until we play a real-life gig," said Shirlie Holliman, aged 25. "You can ruin yourself. You can do a lot of PAs (personal appearances) and get paid a lot of money. We have refused to do anything like that. People say 'We don't want to see them because we saw them in a nightclub.'"

As a result the two former backing singers, neither of whom yet owns a house, have been nursing their resources. "People think we must be millionaires. If only they knew," sighed Shirlie.

They paid half the cost of a video they had just shot amid much smoke, leaving them red-eyed yesterday. During the last one they wore plastic dresses, a relief after rubber. Very hot, rubber dresses, said Shirlie.

Pioneers of the puff-ball dress, they found their creations copied by the big stores, so now they market their own. They agonise whether the tail is wagging the dog.

Pepsi, a Londoner whose

parents came from St Lucia, was a self-confessed "screamer" who outgrew her group in Harrow. Shirlie was a singing riding instructor who leapt at the chance of appearing on television with Michael and Ridgeley, acquaintances of long standing. Their own first hit single, Heartache, reached Number 2. Shortly they released All Right Now, the title track of their album.

Two years ago they accompanied Wham! to China. "There's not very much to say about China," pronounced Pepsi de Macque, aged 28. This was not true. "I personally don't want to go back," she went on. "It was a heavy experience. The young are dying to cut loose."

Shirlie: "They are experiencing the want and they are not allowed to have it."

Pepsi: "In our shows we saw people being carried out of the stadium for standing up and clapping. I don't think the tour was a good idea. I felt I had left those people in limbo."

They worry about Hong Kong. About having allowed themselves to be persuaded to wear fur coats in a picture spread. And about the fact that no one takes them seriously. "We have a lot to say," said Pepsi. "But the impression is given that we're dumb, silly and don't know what to do with our success."

This month they are doing a charity concert in Jordan at the behest of Princess Basma, King Hussein's sister. "Where's Jordan?" asked Shirlie.

Belinda captures UK spot

Harrison tops US charts

NEW YORK, (AP): George Harrison's hit Got My Mind Set On You soared to the top of the single pop records charts in the United States Wednesday, dumping George Michael's Faith from the number one spot.

Michael Jackson's The Way You Make Me Feel catapulted from seventh to second position on the Cash Box magazine chart after a Christmas-New Year recess, and Need You Tonight by Inx vaulted from tenth to third place.

The week's newcomers to the list included Hazy Shade Of Winter by The Bangles, grabbing 7th position, from 14th; Elton John's Candle in the Wind moving into 9th place from 17th; and Tell It to My Heart by Klyor Deayne, advancing one spot to number 10.

The Cash Box magazine Country-and-Western singles chart remained unchanged. Highway 101 was number one with Somewhere Tonight.

Kenny Rogers was second with I Prefer the Moonlight, and Hank Williams Jr. third with Heaven Can't Be Found.

The ten top pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with previous positions in brackets:

1. (3) Got My Mind Set On You—George Harrison (Dark Horse-Warner Brothers).

2. (7) The Way You Make Me Feel—Michael Jackson (Epic).

3. (10) Need You Tonight—Inx (Atlantic).

4. (4) So Emotional—Whitney Houston (Arista).

5. (1) Faith—George Michael (Columbia).

6. (2) Is This Love—Whitesnake (Geffen).

7. (14) Hazy Shade Of Winter—The Bangles (Columbia).

8. (12) Candle In The Wind—Elton John (MCA).

9. (17) Could've Been—Tiffany (MCA).

10. (11) Tell It To My Heart—Klyor Deayne (Arista).

Country-Western
The ten top Country-Western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with previous positions in brackets (unchanged from previous listings):

1. (1) Somewhere Tonight—

Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).

2. (2) I Prefer The Moonlight—Kenny Rogers (RCA).

3. (3) Hank Williams Jr. Found—Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb).

4. (4) I Can't Get Close Enough—Exile (Epic).

5. (5) Do Ya—K.T. Ostin (RCA).

6. (6) One Friend—Dan Seals (Capitol).

7. (7) I'll Pin A Note on Your Pillow—Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).

8. (8) She Couldn't Love Me Anymore—T. Graham Brown (Capitol).

9. (9) Goin' Home—Kathy Mattea (Mercury-Polygram).

10. (10) Where Do The Nights Go—Ronnie Milsap (RCA).

British charts
Belinda Carlisle captured the number one spot in the British pop singles record charts with Heaven Is A Place on Earth.

The hit by the American new wave singer jumped two places to evict the Pet Shop Boys, whose single Always On My Mind settled into second place.

In third place was House Arrest by Krush, up from eighth position a week ago, followed by I Found Someone by Cher, up from 18th to 4th; and Stutter Rap by Morris Minor and the Majors, at number five, up from 19th.

This week's top 10 singles as listed by Melody Maker magazine, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (3) Heaven Is A Place on Earth—Belinda Carlisle (Virgin).

2. (1) Always On My Mind—Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone).

3. (8) House Arrest—Krush (Club).

4. (18) I Found Someone—Cher (Geffen).

5. (19) Stutter Rap—Morris Minor and the Majors (10).

6. (7) Angel Eyes—Wet Wet Wet (Precious).

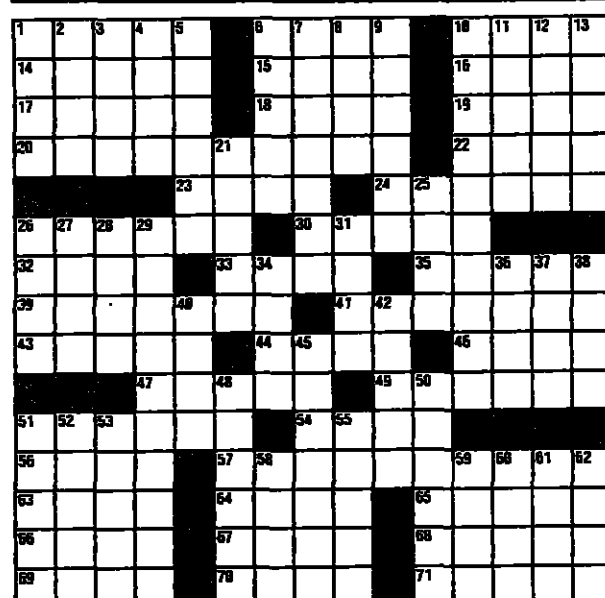
7. (34) All Day And All Of The Night—Stranglers (Epic).

8. (10) Jingo—Jellybean (Chrysalis).

9. (31) Sign Your Name—Terence Trent D'Arby (CBS).

10. (6) The Way You Make Me Feel—Michael Jackson (Epic).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Trumpet sound
 - Biblical outcast
 - Red Skelton character
 - Sign of spring
 - Trapper's trophy
 - Trickle
 - Choose by ballot
 - Selection for Sutherland
 - Livorno legal tender
 - Art medium
 - Midwest port
 - Lat up
 - Way out
 - Teacher, at times
 - Neck
 - Berra
 - Ogden, the poet
 - Out of practice
 - Loch Ness swimmer?
 - Country on the Adriatic
 - Rasher
 - port
 - Bakery item
 - Artist's pigment
 - Football conference
 - Commemorative pillars
 - Turkey's neighbor
 - Neophyte
 - Lyric soprano
 - Winglike
 - Gemayal of Lebanon
 - Contemporary of Keats and Shelley
 - Dole out
 - Incline
 - Show, in music
 - Encourage
 - Therefore
 - Krupp works locale
- DOWN**
- Concoct
 - "Damn Yankees" role
 - Encourage
 - Pilef ingredient
 - Dinner course
 - State of confusion
 - Poorly ventilated
 - Distinct
 - Comb. form
 - More immediate
 - Standard bearer
 - River at Orleans
 - Stone and Pound
 - Resources
 - Chill con—
 - Clothing
 - Fitness centers, for short
 - Tarnished
 - Scorch
 - Sandarac tree
 - Snug, trim, in
 - Cache for cash
 - Home of the "Bulldogs"
 - Mexican Indian
 - "The Merry Widow" composer
 - Sistine Chapel feature
 - Queen of the witches in "Macbeth"
 - Incompetent
 - Post Office issue
 - Polk's predecessor
 - Poetry muse
 - Musical composition
 - Hebrew measure
 - Nautical chains
 - Places for
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 - Learning method, with "by"
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠Q7 ♣AK103 ♦A9 ♣AQ876

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ 1 ♣ 2 ♣ Pass

2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—If you have an understanding with partner that a cue-bid of three spades would ask for a stopper in the suit, which makes a great deal of sense, that would clearly be the action we would take. Failing that, we would make the value bid of five diamonds. At worst, that should be on a finesse.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠J5 ♣A83 ♦AQ62 ♣KQ106

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one diamond. What action do you take?

A.—It is unfriendly of the opponents to open in your best suit when you have such a good hand. Despite the fact that your spade stopper could be better, we suggest you describe your big, balanced hand by overcalling one no trump. The only alternative is to pass.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K85 ♣KQJ963 ♦854 ♣7

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♠ 1 ♣ 2 ♣ ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Certainly you want to invite game, and it is a judgment call whether you should do so in hearts or spades. We have found that it is better to have the weaker hand's suit as trumps, especially when it is a

good suit. Jump to three hearts.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠10762 ♣KQ63 ♦Q4 ♣883

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

1 ♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner's game try in diamonds asks you to evaluate your holding only in that suit for game purposes. You are ambivalent about a doubleton queen, and you can convey that while highlighting the salient feature of your hand by bidding three hearts.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠762 ♣952 ♦K1062 ♣K83

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♣ Pass

1 ♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads to huge penalties for bidding too much. Your hand was worth just one bid, and you made it. Pass.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A10 ♣K98 ♦AQ83 ♣J985

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass

1 ♣ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Three clubs might seem obvious, but we prefer two no trump for two reasons. First, your most probable game is in no trump. Secondly, you have tenaces to protect from a lead through, so it would be better for your hand to declare no trump.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The prospects are good and you will also be able to take a good opportunity. You will be able to do what you have long wanted to do. Make sure you do not overfire yourself. Be resilient.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The Moon's better influence will help you to do what you had made up your mind to do. You should not attempt to do. You will get on better with those around you.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should stay calm even in rather exciting circumstances. Do not allow your likes and dislikes to cloud your judgment. Make sure others understand what you have in mind. Be logical.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Today you will be better able to face up to change. You should not place too much reliance on luck, though you will have some. Do not take any risks with your health and eat a balanced diet. Be generous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You have no time to waste and you must try to conserve your energies too. You will be able to deal with an important matter. You should try not to allow yourself to be intimidated. Be frugal.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will feel more favourably inclined towards others. You will also find it easier to do the right thing in the circumstances.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to see things more clearly than of late. You should try to think the best of others, not the worst.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to make better progress than you first thought possible. Others will be more inclined to see things from your point of view. Listen to what others are saying, but do not yet commit yourself. Be objective.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will tend to be a little on the nervous side and will tire rather easily. Try to keep things simple and concentrate on essentials. Make sure you get all the rest you need. Be truthful.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will have a good opportunity to deal with an outstanding matter. Your personal situation will take a turn for the better. Do not think you are the only one who has any good ideas. Be cordial.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You will have to pay more attention to your financial affairs. Do not allow expenditure to get out of hand. If you try to behave like someone you are not you will tend to lose sight of who you are.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

The Moon's better influence, coupled with that of Venus will help you to do what you had intended to do. However you must also work hard. Avoid any kind of extremism or exaggerations. Be reasonable.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Iran and Turkey sign interim protocol on oil pipeline

ANKARA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Turkey and Iran signed an interim protocol yesterday for the construction of an oil pipeline between the two countries. Foreign Ministry officials said.

The line to carry oil from Iran's Ahvaz field to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Doryol would give Tehran an outlet safe from Iraq's attack in the Gulf.

Iraq also has an export pipeline through Turkey with a capacity of 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) which terminates on the Mediterranean near Doryol.

The interim protocol between Tehran and Ankara was signed after talks by an Iranian technical delegation here with Turkish officials.

The 1,360 km (1,160 miles) \$4 billion line would carry one million barrels per day (bpd) of Iranian oil and take up to three years to build.

The Iranian head of delegation, Mohammad Javad Asemipur, said the protocol would provide a basis for further talks in Tehran. It provided the outline for the final agreement, expected to be signed during a visit by Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to Iran, he added.

"Those who see the pipeline project as a short-term one and due to the ongoing war (with Iraq) are mistaken. Despite all the difficulties, we are able to export our oil. We have other means for an outlet, which we don't use now and keep them for the worst days," Asemipur said.

Lawson may increase interest rates

LONDON, Jan 15, (AP): Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson made it clear on Wednesday night that he is prepared to raise interest rates if necessary to combat inflation.

He turned down appeals by the employers' organisation, the Confederation of British Industry, to cut the cost of borrowing.

Both Lawson and Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, stressed the need to avoid inflation, which the Chancellor said "is at the very heart of government policy and ought to be."

British interest rates were cut by 1-1/2 per cent to 8-1/2 per cent in the wake of the stock market crash in October, to bolster confidence and head off the prospect of recession.

Lawson, chairing the quarterly meeting of the National Economic Development Council, said he believed fears of recession had been "laid to rest" though there were still risks.

He pointed to the twin US budget and trade deficits, which he said have undermined stock market confidence and sent the dollar tumbling.

The finance minister said the United States was likely to put its interest rates up at some stage to deal with the massive deficits.

Lawson said prospects for the world economy were better than most people thought likely, a short while ago, with faster growth, interest rate reductions and greater international cooperation all playing their part.

Dutch strike oil under refinery

PERNIS, Netherlands, Jan 15, (AP): The Dutch have struck oil right under one of Western Europe's largest oil refineries, the Dutch Petroleum Company (NAM) said yesterday.

The substantial oil deposit was discovered in November during test drilling at the Royal Dutch Shell refinery near this Rotterdam suburb, according to NAM spokesman Frank Duijt. A substantial natural gas deposit was found at the same time, but was discarded last year.

The Netherlands contains large natural gas fields, but oil deposits are rare and the Netherlands imports all its crude petroleum supplies.

NAM surveys believe the Pernis site contains an estimated 12-16 million barrels worth 350 million guilders (\$137 million), Duijt said, adding that extraction of the oil is expected to start within two years.

The field also contains 5 billion cubic meters (175 billion cubic feet) of natural gas with a market value of a billion guilders (\$340 million), Duijt said.

The fact that the Shell refinery sits above the field will cut development costs, Duijt said, adding that the fuels are NAM property.

Takeshita ends Washington trip

US, Tokyo pledge to shore up dollar

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (Reuters): Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita ends a four-day Washington visit today after making firm pledges to shore up the US dollar and to spur world trade by opening Japan's markets to foreign goods.

His next stop was Toronto, for a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Takeshita told Japanese reporters yesterday that a joint statement he issued with President Reagan "was aimed at impressing currency markets that the two nations are determined to work further to stabilise exchange rates."

The two leaders pledged in the joint statement on Wednesday to shore up the dollar to prevent any new wide currency fluctuations.

Volatility "Japan and the United States are ready to intervene anytime to prevent volatility in exchange rates," a senior Japanese official travelling with Takeshita told Reuters.

Takeshita also renewed a pledge, in a speech to reporters at the National Press Club, that Japan will carry out market-opening measures and policy coordination in close cooperation with the United States.

"We will actively promote improvements in market access so as to further encourage this trend and to ensure that the expansion of Japan's domestic demand will have positive

impact on the world economy," he said in the speech.

Japan, which runs the world's largest trade surplus, has been pressured to boost its economy and so increase imports.

Pursue "Japan will cooperate closely with the United States and West European nations, and will pursue appropriate coordination of our policies for macro-economic management," he said.

At the same time Takeshita asked the United States to continue its efforts to cut its fiscal budget deficit, sustain economic growth and fight protectionism.

On specific trade disputes, US officials expressed satisfaction during Takeshita's visit with Japan's proposal to open its market to more foreign food, but were not happy with Japan's proposal on opening up its construction business.

US Trade Representative Clayton Yentler, in a radio interview, said Japan's proposal was vague and did not go far enough. "It does not meet our needs," he said.

Retaliation Congress last month passed a bill barring Japanese firms from taking part in US federally-financed projects in retaliation for Japan's closed industry.

Takeshita said in his Press Club speech, however, that the two sides would soon resolve the construction issue.

Japan proposed negotiations between the two countries on ways to allow more foreign participation in Japan's government-funded construction contracts.

Takeshita implied that opening of Japanese farm markets would take time, telling the Japanese-only news conference

that Japanese producers should be protected as much as possible.

"Japan should make sure producers should not suffer pains from liberalisation so rapidly," he said.

Takeshita told Japanese reporters that the trip had helped

establish firm trustworthy relations with Reagan.

"The Japan-US relationship is a cornerstone of Japanese foreign policy, and my government gives the highest priority to its management," Takeshita said in the Press Club speech.

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World Business Summary

Iran, Algeria sign trade agreement

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Jan 15, (AP): Iran and Algeria yesterday signed an agreement to boost trade and economic cooperation, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported. The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said the agreement was signed by a Deputy Minister of Heavy Industries, Hassan Ramazanian-Pour, and Algerian Deputy Commerce Minister Mourad Medecel.

The Algerian official is in Tehran for talks with his Iranian counterparts. The news agency said Iran would "in the near future" export zinc, cement, ball bearings, and jeep-type cars to Libya. It said Libya in turn would send textiles, aluminium plate, chemicals and other commodities. The agency said trade between the two nations was expected to reach \$160 million this year. Libyan leader Col. Muammar Khaddafi, once Iran's backer in its 7-year-old war against Iraq, has in past months been backing off, describing the war as wasteful and urging Iran to seek peace.

Italy to finance Indonesian geothermal plant

JAKARTA, Jan 15, (Reuters): Italy will help Indonesia exploit its large reserves of geothermal energy by financing construction of a power plant in West Java, Indonesia's National Development Planning minister said yesterday. Johannes Sumartini said the Italian government will provide financing of \$71 million on concessional terms for construction of the 110 megawatt plant at Mt Salak, 60 kms (40 miles) south of Jakarta. Agreement on the loan was announced following the visit to Indonesia of Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Goria last week. Sumartini told reporters after a meeting with President Suharto the plant would be built by an Italian company, and consist of two 55 megawatt units. He did not name the company but Goria's delegation included executives from Italy's state energy conglomerate ENI. Oil-producer Indonesia is estimated by the government to have an estimated total geothermal potential of 10,000 megawatts, but it has only just begun exploiting this, with two small plants operating on Java, and a larger one under construction. But the government is keen to diversify its energy sources away from reliance on oil. The loan includes \$8.2 million to finance Indonesian government costs in the project. Sumartini said the soft loan would be repayable in 20 years, with a grace period of 10 years and an interest rate of 1.5 per cent per annum. Agreement on the loan would be signed shortly, he stated without elaboration.

BP cash offer 'inadequate'

LONDON, Jan 15, (AP): British Petroleum Co Plc yesterday formally launched its \$2.27 billion (\$4.13 billion) cash offer for Britoil Plc, which has reached a competing, friendly agreement for Atlantic Richfield Co. to acquire a partial Britoil stake. BP, which had said it would offer 450 pence (\$8.19) a share for the 70.1 per cent of the Glasgow-based North Sea oil company it does not already own, confirmed the cash offer in a document sent to Britoil's shareholders. BP also announced that it would offer Britoil's shareholders a lower alternative of cash and BP stock which — at BP's share price yesterday — values Britoil's shares at 443 pence (\$8.06) each or a total of \$2.23 billion (\$4.06 billion). A Britoil spokesman rejected the BP offer as "derisory" and "totally inadequate," after I got my baggage ready, "he said."

Oman boosts gas reserves

MUSCAT, Jan 15, (Opecna): Oman's natural gas reserves increased by three trillion to 9.60 trillion cu ft this month, according to sources at the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals. Quoted by the Arabic daily 'Oman', the sources said that this year three gas prospecting programmes would be launched in the Sultanate at a cost of \$6.30 million. In 1987, Oman's natural gas consumption totalled 50 billion cu ft with demands averaging 150 million and 400 million cu ft a day in summer and winter respectively. Following the launching of a special exploration programme in 1984, Oman's natural gas reserves stood at 7.60 trillion cu ft, increasing to 7.70 trillion cu ft in 1985 and 8.10 trillion cu ft in 1986.

Gulf bows to discount pressure

BAHRAIN, Jan 15, (Reuters): Gulf oil producers one by one are bowing to pressure from a glutted market and undercutting Opec's official price, industry sources said yesterday.

Six Gulf members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) reduced output this month by at least 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) to 10.3 million to help support prices, they said.

Forced But the output cuts — voluntary by Abu Dhabi, Kuwait and Iraq and forced on Saudi Arabia and Iran by slack sales — did not work, the sources added.

To preserve market shares, recession-hit Gulf states began meeting requests for supplies at prices related to the spot market almost two dollars below Opec's \$18-a-barrel benchmark price.

Traders said Iran, Qatar and Iraq had been selling at spot-related prices for some time. Kuwait was also offering its crude at discount.

They said Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, was now also thought to be giving discounts at least to some of its big buyers. Only the United Arab Emirates (UAE) had so far resisted the pressure.

Opec President and Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman said on Monday the 13-nation group was now producing between 16 and 16.5 million barrels per day including Iraq, compared with an estimated 18.3 million in December.

Biggest Abu Dhabi, biggest producer in the UAE, cut output by 400,000 bpd in January. But with around 350,000 bpd from Dubai, the UAE total still stood at 1.2 million bpd compared with its 948,000 bpd Opec quota, industry sources said.

They said Kuwait was producing its quota of 996,000 bpd, after cutting more than 150,000 in January.

Iraq and Iraq, relying heavily on oil incomes to fight its costly war, were also cutting output.

Lukman said Iraq, although excluded from the Opec quota set at the group's last meeting in Vienna, had cut output to around 2.3 million bpd from an estimated 2.6 million.

Iran, facing buyer resistance after a US oil embargo against it, was forced to trim output. It now produced under two million bpd compared with a quota of 2.369 million, industry sources said.

Decline Saudi Arabia's output fell to 3.6 million bpd from 4.2 million in December, a decline also attributed to lower purchases.

Since the start of this week, spot prices for February delivery have fallen at least one dollar to 16.20 a barrel for European benchmark crude Brent, after news that Gulf states were selling at a discount.

The Middle East Economic Survey newsletter said on Monday Saudi Arabia had been giving preferential treatment to the four US oil companies that make up the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) — Exxon, Mobil, Texaco and Chevron.

Mexico renews Japanese oil contract

MEXICO CITY, Jan 15, (AP): The government oil monopoly Pemex announced on Wednesday the renewal of a contract to sell 180,000 barrels daily of crude oil this year to Japan.

A brief statement said the 12-month contract was signed at Pemex's Mexico City headquarters by Francisco Rojas, Pemex general director, and Zenji Taitai, executive vice president of the Mexican Petroleum Importing Co.

The company represents private Japanese buyers of Mexican crude.

Japan trails only the United States and Spain as a customer for Mexican oil, which is this country's No. 1 export by far.

Mexico is the world's fifth largest oil producer. Pemex announced on Monday that sales to foreign buyers last year brought in \$7.82 billion, a hefty 40 per cent increase over 1986.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST
ABBEE LFE	245/0
ALD LYONS	344/0
AMSTRAD	136/4
ARGYLE GP	195/0
ASDA MFI	176/0
A B FOODS	312/0
BAA PP	96/0
BTR	268/0
BAT INDS	435/0
BARCLAYS	495/0
BASS	795/0
BEAZER	190/0
BEECHAMS	470/0
BET ORD	237/0
BICC PLC	333/0
BLUE ARW	103/0
BLUE CIRC	425/0
ROC GP	410/0
BOOTS CO	257/0
BPB INDS	267/0
BR COM	340/0
BR AIRWAY	164/0
BR AEROSP	365/0
BR GAS PP	138/0
B.P.	258/0
B.P. NEW	75/0
BR TELCOM	230/0
BRITTOIL	455/0
BUNZL	168/0
BURMAN OL	227/0
BURTON	445/0
CABLESWR	373/0
CADBURYS	259/0
COATS VYI	264/0
COMINT	350/0
CONS GOLD	885/0
COOKSONS	550/0
COURTAULD	348/0
DALGETY	305/0
DEE CP	205/0
DIXONS	182/0
ENG CHINA	421/0
ENTER OIL	272/0
FERRANTI	88/0
FISONS	273/0
GEN ACCID	850/0
GEN ELEC	155/4
GLAXO	043/0
GRANADA	293/0
GLOBE	136/0
GRAND NET	052/0
GUS A	474/0
GUARD RYL	876/4
GKN	315/0
GUINNESS	305/0
HAMMERS A	530/0
HANSON	140/0
HAKER SID	460/0
HAWLEY	97/0
HILLSDOWN	292/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
A.B. ELECT	368/0	370/0
APV PLC	123/0	123/0
AARONSON	114/0	113/0
AAN HDLG	308/0	309/0
ACATOS+HT	458/0	458/0
ADDISON G	94/0	96/0
ADVEST GP	289/0	288/0
AILESA	143/0	141/0
ALEX WIKW	168/0	167/0
ALLIANCE	735/0	740/0
ALLD COLL	127/0	127/0
ALLD PLAN	50/0	50/0
AMARI PLC	148/0	148/0
AMEC PLC	334/0	332/0
AMER TRUS	107/0	107/0
AMERSHAM	461/0	463/0
ANGLIA TV	379/0	378/0
ANNACHER	69/0	68/0
-APP HOL	335/0	337/0
-BRYANT	95/0	95/0
-COT	150/0	151/0
-DING	370/0	371/0
ANGLO OILS	370/0	371/0
AUSCULTUM	260/0	260/0
ASHLEY L	130/0	130/0
AUTO SEC	235/0	235/0
AVON EUR	289/0	289/0
AVON RUBB	635/0	635/0
BBA GP	147/0	146/0
BBS INTL	68/0	68/0
BAILL JAP	398/0	400/0
BAK OF SCO	547/0	547/0
BARKER DO	140/0	139/0
BART DEV	171/0	170/0
B.MENWILL	148/0	148/0
BEJAN GP	192/0	192/0
SEARS	130/0	130/0
SEGEWICK	228/0	228/0
SHELL	047/0	047/0
SMITH+NEPH	063/0	063/0
STO. CHART	25/0	25/0
STORES	245/0	245/0
BERISFORD	319/0	319/0
BERKELEY	269/0	268/0
BLICK LE 2	19/0	19/0
BOASE MAS	263/0	264/0
BODDINGTON	145/0	145/0
BOOKER PL	390/0	390/0
BORTHWICK	53/0	54/0
BOMATE	362/0	361/0
BOUTHORPE	162/0	163/0
BRAMMER	233/0	231/0
BRENT CHE	134/0	134/0
BRENT WCR	303/0	303/0
BRIDON	149/0	148/0
BRITANNIC	990/0	990/0
BR ASSETS	64/4	64/4
BR LND CO	254/0	255/0
BR VITA	441/0	442/0
BRIXTON E	222/0	222/0
BRYANT GP	135/0	135/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1436.7	1398.7	1391.1	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	978.7	973.0	957.6
FT ALL SHR	0	890.22	884.71	870.22
FT GOV SEC	87.96	87.56	86.97	88.49
FT GOLD MN	294.5	284.1	286.1	302.1
FT MINES F	0	445.41	445.56	450.65
FT OIL	0	1699.8	1699.1	1663.6
FT MLD DLR	93.00	113.46	113.98	115.04
FT MLD STG	93.00	92.17	92.80	90.79
FT MLD LOC	100.64	99.98	100.73	99.08

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS JUMP ON US TRADE DATA, BUT BELOW HIGHS BY JOE ORTIZ

LONDON, JAN 15 - SHARES STAGED A SPECTACULAR RALLY AFTER NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED 13.22 BILLION DLR U.S. NOVEMBER TRADE DEFICIT WAS GREETED WITH HUGE RELIEF, DEALERS SAID.

THE MARKET RECEIVED A FURTHER BOOST FROM AN EARLY SURGE ON WALL STREET AND THE FTSE 100 INDEX REACHED A HIGH OF 1,793.6 BEFORE EASING TO STAND A NET 38.3 UP AT 1,781.7 AT 1530 GMT. DEALERS SAID PRICES WERE BELOW THEIR BEST ON PROFIT-TAKING.

JAN HARWOOD, DIRECTOR OF U.K. EQUITIES AT WARBURG SECURITIES, SAID "THE FIGURE WAS A VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE, BUT THERE WERE IMMEDIATE SECOND THOUGHTS OVER THE U.S. DEFICIT TREND."

HARWOOD ADDED "IF YOU TAKE THE LAST TWO MONTHS TOGETHER TO GET A USEFUL INDICATION, THEN YOU STILL COME OUT WITH AN AVERAGE OF OVER 15 BILLION DLR, WHICH IS STILL VERY BAD."

THE U.S. TRADE GAP SOARED TO A RECORD 17.6 BILLION DLR IN OCTOBER AND THERE HAD BEEN WIDESPREAD FEARS THAT THE NOVEMBER DATA WOULD NOT SHOW A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT. IN THE EVENT, THE FIGURE WAS BELOW THE LOWEST FORECASTS AND THE DOLLAR CLIMBED STEEPLY, GAINING FIVE PENCE AGAINST THE MARK.

THIS HELPED DOLLAR EARNERS RISE SHARPLY, BUT DEALERS SAID THEY WERE NOT SURPRISED THAT THE RALLY HAD SOME PROFIT-TAKING AS THE OUTLOOK FOR THE U.S. DEFICITS AND THE DOLLAR IS STILL BLEAK.

London Gold

LONDON, JAN 15 - GOLD BULLION RALLIED TO CLOSE LITTLE CHANGED FROM THURSDAY'S LONDON CLOSE AT 481.50/482.50 DLR AN Ounce AFTER DIPPING SHARPLY FOLLOWING NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT IN NOVEMBER OF 13.22 BILLION DLR.

GOLD HAD DROPPED TO AROUND 478/479 DLR, BUT FOUND GOOD SUPPORT AT THE LOWS DESPITE THE SUBSEQUENT SURGE IN THE DOLLAR FOLLOWING THE TRADE FIGURE, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD WAS FIRMLY INDICATED AT 485.00/485.50 DLR JUST BEFORE THE U.S. DATA CAME OUT, WITH THE MARKET GENERALLY EXPECTING A DEFICIT NEARER TO OCTOBER'S RECORD 17.63 BILLION SHORTFALL.

GOLD CLOSED AT 481.75/482.25 DLR ON THURSDAY.

London Money Market

LONDON, JAN 15 - MONEY RATES ROSE AS MUCH AS 3/16 POINT THIS AFTERNOON AFTER NEWS OF A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED U.S. TRADE DEFICIT IN NOVEMBER PUSHED THE DOLLAR SHARPLY HIGHER AND LOPPED HALF A POINT OFF STERLING'S TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX, DEALERS SAID.

THE INDEX ENDED AT 74.7, WITH THE DECLINE DUE PURELY TO A FALL OF OVER FOUR CENTS IN STERLING'S VALUE AGAINST THE DOLLAR.

THE 13.22 BILLION DLR U.S. TRADE DEFICIT CAME AS A RELIEF TO MOST MARKETS, WHICH HAD BEEN FEARING ANOTHER DOLLAR COLLAPSE ALL WEEK. BUT IT MAY MEAN THAT THE U.K. AUTHORITIES NOW HAVE THE LEASWAY TO RAISE INTEREST RATES TO DAMPEN DOWN AN ECONOMY THEY FEAR IS GROWING TOO FAST, DEALERS SAID.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR 1.8250/60	1.7820/50	1.6670/00	5.6390/20	NOON
DMK 3.287-3297	2.971/985	2.9770/9805	10.0610/0755	NOON
FFR 5.505/519	10.064/082	337.7/338.3	29.50/66	FIX
SFR 1.3287-3297	2.4238-4270	81.43-54	24.08-11	NOON
HFL 1.8325	3.3460	112.35	33.22	FIX
ECU 1.26625	0.693635	2.06459	6.97946	CLSE
SOR 1.39100	0.758451	2.26502	7.63937	NOON
YEN 126.10/20	230.26/57			
SOR RATES	14/01/88	OTHERS	15/01/88	

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	31/3	30/5
ATLANTIC R	72/6	71/2
AAR CORP	18/0	17/5
AETNA LIFE	46/3	45/7
ALASKA AIR	14/2	13/7
ALCAN ALUM	28/0	26/6
ALCO STAND	21/6	21/4
AM CAP SEC	0	26/2
AMER CYANA	48/0	45/6
AM FAMILY	13/6	13/3
AM HOM PRO	74/0	72/5
AM STANDARD	37/0	36/5
AM STORES	50/2	49/2
AMER T T	28/7	28/0
AMOCO CP	71/3	70/3
AMP INC	47/0	45/2
AMPO PITT	13/6	13/7
AMR CORP	35/0	33/4
AMR GEN CO	31/5	30/7
AMRA HESS	24/3	23/7
ANTHEM ELE	9/4	9/2
APACHE CP	8/2	8/0
APACHE PET	4/1	4/0
ARCO INC	11/0	10/5
ASARCO INC	23/1	23/1
ASHLAND OIL	54/3	54/3
ATLS CORP	34/6	34/6
AVERY INT	21/0	20/5
AVNET INC	24/2	23/4
AVON PRODS	25/3	25/0
BELL ATLAN	68/3	68/4
BCE INC	28/4	28/2
BELL-HOW	60/3	60/1
BETH STEEL	17/2	16/4
BEVERLY	6/6	6/5
BK BOSTON	22/4	22/4
BK BOSTN-A	28/7	28/6
BK N-YORK	32/0	31/0
BANKAMER	7/2	7/1
BKAM SPEC	6/5	6/5
BOEING	43/0	41/6
BOISE CASB	65/4	65/1
BORDEN	50/0	47/6
BORG-WARNR	0	45/5
BOMATE	30/4	29/4
BR TELECOM	41/4	41/0
BRIGGS-STR	26/4	26/2
BRIST-MYER	43/2	42/3
BRUNSWICK	16/5	15/6
BURNDY CP	12/7	12/6
C 3 INC	10/5	10/3
CABOT CORP	32/2	32/0
CAESARS MO	20/4	20/0
CALIF FRIE	21/6	21/6
CAS NAT GS	14/7	14/5
CAT-DOCKE	18/4	18/1
CATERPILLA	61/2	59/4
CBI INC	20/2	20/1
CBS	161/0	157/2
CENTEL CP	35/4	34/7
CENPRO DAT	2/1	2/0
CHAMP INTL	33/0	32/1
CHAMP SPA	11/1	11/1
CHARTER CO	3/7	3/6
CHASE MANH	21/7	21/4
CHEMED	33/6	33/4
CHEMIL NY	21/0	20/4
CHEVRON	41/4	40/6
CHRYSLER	25/2	24/0
CHUBB CORP	57/0	56/1
CHUR FR CH	6/7	6/6
CIGNA CORP	49/0	48/4
CIN MILACR	19/7	19/6
CIR CIT ST	20/4	20/3
CIRCLE K	12/7	12/4
CITICORP	19/6	19/0
CLARK EQUI	24/6	24/0
CLOREX	27/2	26/3
COMBIL RES	1/4	1/4
COMBIL RES	26/7	26/0
COM PACIFIC	17/1	16/5
COACHMEN	7/0	6/7
COASTAL	29/7	29/0
COCA COLA	0	37/5
COLECO	3/4	3/4
COLEMAN CO	32/4	32/0
COLGATE	42/4	41/7
COLT INDS	10/6	10/4
COLUMB GAS	33/0	33/2
COMM EDIS	28/7	28/3
CONAGRA	25/6	25/2
CONS ED-NY	43/6	43/2
CONTINENTAL	40/0	38/5
CONTEL ILLN	*05	*03
CONTEL CP	31/7	31/3
CONTR DATA	21/6	20/7
COOPER T-R	29/4	29/3
COOPER CORP	11/2	10/7
CORNING GL	48/6	47/3
CRANE	21/5	21/2
CRAY RES	70/0	70/0
CULLINET	6/7	6/5
DALTEC INC	6/4	6/3
DATAPoint	25/6	24/5
DAYTON HLD	31/4	31/0
DEE EQUIP	124/6	119/3
DEERE CO	36/6	35/3
DELTA AIR	38/2	37/6
DIAMOND SH	9/0	9/0
DIBOLD	40/3	40/0
DISENEY W	61/0	60/1
DOVER CORP	64/3	62/1
DOW CHEM	30/0	29/1
DRESSER	24/6	24/4
DREYFUS	25/0	24/4
DUKE POWER	44/3	43/4
DUN BRAD	56/0	52/4
DUPONT	83/2	81/0
DUCQUESNE	12/4	12/2
DYNAMICS	18/4	18/4
E SYSTEMS	27/6	27/4
EASTMAN K	51/4	49/6
EATON CORP	76/0	75/0
EMERY AIR	5/7	5/6
EMHART CP	19/4	19/0
ETHYL CP	18/3	17/4
EXXON	39/7	38/6
FAM DOL ST	9/4	9/3
FED EXPRESS	40/0	39/2
FIELDCREST	15/4	15/2
FIN COR-AM	1/4	1/4
FIRESTONE	31/6	31/4
FMC CORP	32/1	31/5
FORD MOTOR	41/0	39/3
FORT HOWAR	35/5	35/0
FOXBORO CO	23/7	23/5
FRCHLD LMD	9/1	9/1
FST BANK	22/4	22/5
FST BOSTON	26/0	25/1
FST CHICAG	19/6	19/4
FST CTU BC	10	10
FST NAT BC	30/7	31/0
GAF CORP	43/3	42/4
GANNETT CO	36/6	36/1
GALVESTON	1/6	1/5
GATX CORP	37/7	37/5
GCA CP	2/7	2/7
GEARHART	1/0	1/0
GEN DATA	4/1	4/0
GENL DYNAH	49/4	49/6
GENL ELECT	46/1	44/6
GEN HOST	9/4	9/2
GEN HOUSAR	8/0	7/7
GEN INSTR	30/3	29/3

GEN HILLS	49/0	48/0	NEW ENG EL	22/6	22/3	SERV CORP	23/7	23/4
GENL MOTOR	63/6	62/3	NEW PLA RE	13/4	13/2	SF STH PAC	45/2	44/4
GEN SIGNAL	45/2	44/7	NEWMELL CO	30/4	30/2	SHELL TRAN	74/0	73/6
GENCORP	21/0	20/6	NEWMONT MI	34/5	34/6	SHER PLOU	51/4	49/7
GENCORP INC	7/5	7/2	NEWMONT GLD	37/7	38/0	SHERW-WILL	26/0	25/4
GEO INTL	4/2	4/3	NICOR INC	24/1	24/2	SINGER CO	49/3	49/3
GEORGI-PAC	35/2	34/0	NIL INDS	6/2	6/1	SMITH INT	6/2	6/1
GERRR SCIE	15/0	14/6	NOBLE AFF	13/3	13/2	SMITHK BEC	54/7	53/2
GILETT	34/5	34/0	NORD RESOU	7/6	7/5	SONY CP	39/2	38/4
GLOBAL HAR	1/5	1/5	NORTHROP	29/6	28/6	SOURCE CAP	33/0	33/0
GOLDEN MUG	10/3	10/1	NORTON	44/2	43/5	SOUTHERN	23/4	23/2
GOODRICH	42/4	41/3	NORD IND	26/3	25/5	SPEERY CP	14/5	14/2
GOODYEAR	0	58/4	HUCOR CORP	40/2	39/7	SQUARE D	50/2	49/7
GOLD INC	12/6	12/4	OAK INDS	1/1	1/0	SQUIBB	60/6	58/4
GRACE WR	26/2	25/4	OCCIDENTAL	24/7	24/4	STALEY AE	73/0	71/4
GRAINGER	53/5	52/7	OCEAN DRILL	16/6	16/3	STERL DRUG	52/0	51/2
GRAYHOUND	26/7	26/5	ODEN CORP	28/1	27/2	SUN CO INC	54/4	44/2
GROLIER	9/5	9/4	OH ED CO	20/3	20/0	SUNSTRAND	4/0	4/0
GRUPMAN	19/2	19/0	OHIO MATT	14/7	14/6	SUNSHINE H	19/0	18/4
GULF RES-C	11/4	11/1	OLIN CORP	41/0	40/2	SUPR VAL	14/0	13/4
GULF-WESTH	70/4	69/6	OMNICARE	6/3	6/2	SW AIRLINE	20/7	20/6
HALLBURTO	26/1	25/2	ORION PICT	11/4	11/0	SW GAS	36/0	35/3
HALLWORTH	14/6	14/5	PATNE WEL	16/2	15/3	TANDY CORP	35/2	33/5
HANNA MIN	19/7	19/5	PAN AM U. A.	3/0	2/6	TECO ENERG	22/7	22/2
HARRIS CP	26/4	25/7	PANHANDLE	23/6	23/3	TEKTRONIX	24/4	24/4
HARTMARX	22/1	21/7	PARK ELECT	14/6	14/6	TELEDYNE	310/0	305/6
HECLA MIN	13/7	14/1	PARKER DRI	3/4	3/4	TELEX CORP	58/0	57/6
HEILWEN BR	40/3	40/1	PARKER HAN	35/4	34/1	TERADYNE	13/6	13/5
HEINZ NJ	41/5	40/1	PATRICK PET	3/3	3/4	TESORO PET	11/3	11/1
HEL CORP INC	25/0	25/3	PAYLSS CSH	11/7	11/5	TEX AMER B	0	0
HELM-PAYTNE	20/3	20/1	PULLMAN CO	5/5	5/4	TEX EAS TR	26/4	25/6
HERCULES	0	46/6	PC INDS-96	0	91/0	TEXACO INC	37/6	37/6
HESSTON	0	3/1	PEN CENTR	42/2	42/0	TEXAS IND	30/4	30/4
HEUL-PACK	57/0	54/2	PENNEY JC	60/6	40/2	TEXAS INST	53/4	51/0
HUXCEL CP	37/4	37/6	PENNZOIL	67/4	66/6	TEXTRON	23/3	22/3
HILLENBERG	25/0	24/7	PEOPLES EN	17/3	17/4	TIDWATER	5/1	5/1
RILTH HTLS	70/5	70/1	PEPSICO	23/6	23/2	TIGER INT	10/7	10/7
RITACHI	102/4	98/3	PERKIN-ELM	13/3	13/2	TIGER INT	82/3	80/3
ROHESTATE	16/0	16/7	PHILIP DOD	50/6	50/6	TIMES MIRR	36/4	35/6
ROLDY-HARN	15/3	15/6	PHILIP MOR	86/6	84/6	TINKEN	21/0	21/0
ROHE STATE	18/4	18/2	PHILIPS PE	13/2	12/4	TORCHMARK	65/3	59/1
HOME FED S	20/5	20/4	PILLSBURY V	33/6	32/5	TOSCO CORP	1/7	1/4
HONDA MOTR	107/6	105/0	PIEMACRE W	28/2	28/0	TOYS R US	31/2	30/4
HONEYWELL	57/4	56/5	PITN-BOMES	36/2	35/0	TRANSAMER	31/3	31/1
HOUGHTON MI	27/0	26/6	PITTSBURG	11/0	10/5	TRANSCO EN	24/6	24/6
HUGHES SUP	31/4	30/6	POLAROID	25/0	24/3	TRANSCO EN	6/5	6/1
HUGHES SUP	26/7	24/6	PORTLAND GE	22/5	22/3	TRAVELLERS	36/7	36/6
HUMANA INC	20/6	19/6	PRIME COMP	16/0	15/5	TRINITY INT	27/4	26/6
HUTTON EF	28/6	28/6	PRINR INKS	34/6	33/7	TV CORP	15/1	14/1
IBM	118/6	115/6	PRIMERICA	25/7	25/1	TWA	20/0	19/1
ICI INDUST	31/5	30/5	PROCTER GM	86/4	85/0	U PACIFIC	56/0	54/4
ICI PHARMA	7/6	7/4	PUEBLO INT	23/0	22/7	UTD BRAND	42/0	42/1
ILL PWR CO	24/0	23/6	PUGET SP-L	19/1	19/0	UTD TECH	36/4	36/4
INCO LTD	21/3	21/1	PULTE HOME	8/5	8/5	UNILEVER	59/6	56/6
INGRESSL-RA	36/6	35/6	QUAKER OAT	43/4	42/3	UNION CAMP	34/2	33/1
INTL MINER	50/4	49/6	QUAKER COR	16/0	15/5	UNION CARB	21/4	21/1
JOHNSON-JWS	74/0	72/2	QUANTUM CH	71/2	69/3	US SHOE	16/1	15/1
K MART CP	31/5	30/2	RALS PURIN	66/1	65/2	USX CORP	31/4	30/4
K KAISER ALM	11/0	10/6	RANADA INN	6/0	5/7	US WEST	51/6	50/4
KELLOGG	51/5	51/2	RANGER OIL	4/3	4/2	USAIR GRP	5/2	5/1
KERR-NGCEE	34/4	34/0	RAYCHEM	44/0	42/2	VALERO INC	2/1	2/1
KEYSTONE	15/6	15/4	RAYMARK	7/3	7/3	VARDY INTL	4/0	4/0
KIDDE INC	0	63/0	RAYTHEON	66/4	66/0	VARIAN ASS	25/3	24/1
KIMB-CLARK	47/6	46/5	REGAL INTL	13	12	V UNION	2/5	2/1
KLM R D B	16/4	15/7	REYNOLD ME	44/0	43/0	V PNT PEPP	2/0	2/0
KRAFT INC	49/7	49/3	RJR HARBIS	77/4	66/2	WALN HART	5/6	5/1
KROGER	28/2	27/1	ROCHES G-E	16/2	15/7	WALC CORP	27/4	26/4
LEAR	11/4	11/3	ROCKWELL	17/4	17/1	WALGREEN	29/2	28/4
LEHMAN	17/2	17/0	ROHR INDS	19/6	18/7	WARNER COM	28/5	27/1
LILLY ELI	78/4	76/6	ROLLINS EN	18/3	17/6	WARNER LAN	75/4	73/4
LINCOLN NA	44/1	43/5	ROLLINS IN	15/6	15/4	WASTE MAN	38/0	36/6
LITTON IND	70/6	70/4	ROPER CORP	16/6	16/2	WASH GAS L	22/2	22/1
LOCKHEED	38/0	36/6	ROPER CORP	43/6	41/3	MENDY INTL	5/6	5/1
LOCTITE CP	29/0	28/2	ROYAL COMP	5/1	5/0	WEST CO	16/7	16/4
LOEWS CORP	67/2	65/6	ROYL DUTCH	11/5	10/3	WESTINGHOE	51/0	49/4
LOW-METTEL	18/0	18/0	RYDER SYST	25/2	24/4	WILLIAMS C	25/1	24/1
LOWE STAR	26/0	25/4	RYLAND GRP	14/1	14/1	WILLIAMS E	4/1	4/1
LOWES	18/1	17/7	S DIEG G-E	30/7	30/4	WINN-DIXIE	8/1	8/1
NIGHT ASS	2/3	2/2	SABINE	13/1	12/7	WOLSWORTH	35/2	35/2
N. MARJETA	46/2	43/2	SALONON	22/6	22/3	WORLD CORP	61/6	61/6
NA COM INC	9/6	9/5	SARA LEE	36/6	35/2	WRIGLEY	73/0	71/4
NACHILLAN	55/4	54/1	SCHULBERG	30/7	29/1	WYLE LABS	10/4	10/4
NAIHATTAN	0	9/5	SCOTT PPR	67/4	66/5	XEROX CP	59/0	57/4
NAMOR CARE	11/5	11/5	SCOTTYS	12/4	12/2	XTRA INC	25/0	24/6
NAMU HANOV	20/6	19/5	SE BANK CO	19/6	19/3	ZAPATA	2/6	2/1
MARRIOTT	30/0	28/6	SEAGRAM CO	55/4	54/2	ZAYRE CORP	16/0	15/1
MASCO CORP	23/2	22/4	SEAGULL EN	17/4	17/1	ZENITH EL	15/6	15/4
MATSU ELEC	183/0	178/0	SEALED AIR	36/5	36/3	ZERO	14/1	13/1
MATTEL INC	7/1	7/0	SEARS RO	34/4	33/4			

International Bond Highlights

Zurich — The European Investment Bank is issuing a 150 mln Swiss franc 10-year bond with a 4-1/2 pct coupon and par issue price, lead manager Banque Paribas, Zurich, Bungeur said.

Amsterdam — Bank Mees En Hope NV said it is launching under its own management a 100 mln guilders zero coupon bond, the first since this type of paper paying no annual interest was allowed in the Netherlands on January 1 this year.

London — The dollar straight sector of the Eurobond market surged in line with US Treasury securities following news of the unexpectedly low US November Trade deficit of \$13.22 billion, dealers said.

London — US Treasury bond prices in London soared within minutes of release of the smaller than expected US trade deficit, dealers said.

Paris — The new seven billion franc, 9.50 pct French state bond has been fully subscribed by individual investors only one week after issue, lead manager Societe Generale said.

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8 7-1/2	8-5/8 1/2	9-1/16 8-15/16
FT 3-15/25	3-35/40	3-45/50
PAR 7-15/16 8-1/16	8-1/8	8-3/8 1/2
ZUR 1/8 3/8	1-1/4 1-1/2	2 2-1/4
BRX 1-3/4	6-1/2 5/8	6-1/2 5/8
AMS 9 11-3/4	10-1/8 10-5/8	10-3/8 10-7/8
ANK 4-1/4 4-3/8	4-3/16 4-5/16	4-5/16 4-7/16
TOK 3-5000 5625	3-7500 8125	3-8750 9375
ECU 6.06 6.31	6.31 6.43	6.62 6.75

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait on Thursday:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-5/16	3-13/16
3 months	4-1/2	4-5/8
6 months	4-13/16	5-5/16
1 year	5-1/4	5-3/4

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	35	34.50	34.50	MODI ALKAL	5.50	--	--
ACC	176	176	171	GRAYTON 120	--	--	NARADACHIT	--	--	--
AIRODADV	--	--	--	GSFC	108	107	107.50	ORAY	27.50	27.50
AIRODADV400	--	--	--	GUJ PETRO	23.50	--	--	PREMUTO	25.75	29.25
AIRODRA VLY 147.50	--	--	--	GNALICOR	98	96.50	97	RAYMOND CO	--	--
BAJAJ AUTO	518	497.50	495	HYD LAMP	21	20	20.50	SPIC	34.25	33.50
BAR RAYON	160	157.50	160	IND OILS	55	54.50	55	STD MILLS	295	300
BOM DYNING	115	114	117	INDRAYON	205	200	210	STONEDICAL	--	--
BOMBAY STOCK PRICES	--	--	--	INDROL	38	36.50	37	STEEL TUBE	--	--
BSE INDEX - 472.35	--	--	--	ITC	62	61	61.50	TATA PWR	187.50	187.50
CENTURYSPS	705	690	695	ITC CD	--	--	--	TATACHEN	71	69.50
COLGATE	206.25	205	206.25	JK 120	--	--	--	TATADIL	84	84
DEEPAKERT	34.50	33.50	34	JCSYNTH	62	61	61.50	TELCO	390	380
DHARMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	93.50	94.50	92	UDAPHOSPH	--	--
FIDCON DRG	--	--	--	MAGNADH	--	--	--	VOLTAS	270	265
GANARPOLY	82	81	82	MAHINDRA	62	59.50	61	--	--	--

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
AEG	175.7	178.5
ALLIANZ VR	1115.0	1137.0
BADENW	170.8	170.0
BASF	236.0	237.1
BAYER	248.0	247.2
BAYER HYP	305.0	306.5
BAYER VY	310.0	305.5
BBC	278.2	280.2
BRF	294.0	301.0
BW	465.0	467.0
CHENIE-VER	0	120.0
COMMERZBK	208.5	204.5
CONIT GUMI	184.0	186.0
DALMER BEN	554.0	550.5
DEUTSC BNK	387.0	384.5
DLV	305.0	305.0
DRESDNER B	219.5	223.0
FAZ-BADCOCK	148.0	148.0
GAZ-INDEXE	405.42	414.15
GOLDSTEIN	225.0	228.0
GUTHOFF	0	0
HARPER	392.0	388.0
HOECHST AG	258.5	240.4
ROESCH	89.5	87.5
NORTEN	158.0	157.0
HUSSEL HLD	384.0	390.0
KALZ SALZ	115.0	117.0
KARSTADT	362.2	381.0
KAUFBOP	352.0	342.5
KLOECK H	88.0	87.5
KLOECK W	0	75.2
LIHDE	536.0	535.0
LUFTHANSA	131.0	134.0
MAN	143.0	143.5
MANHESMAN	102.8	102.5
MERCEDES	454.0	458.0
METALLGES	200.0	208.0
WIKORF PF	522.5	537.0
WIKORF NY	38.50	38.50
PHILIP KON	597.0	611.5
POKSCHE	420.0	419.5
PREUSSAG	105.0	107.0
PWA	174.5	178.8
RHEIN	199.0	211.5
RHEIN P	194.0	205.7
RHEINMETAL	216.0	220.0
SALOMER	263.5	265.0
SCHERING	355.2	364.3
SEL	299.0	300.8
SIEMENS	346.7	347.7
THYSEN	106.1	106.5
VARTA	220.0	225.5
VEBA	244.0	253.0
VEW	162.8	163.5
VOLKSWAGEN	205.0	203.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLSE
C H TUNNEL	14.40	14.30
CHUNG K	6.80	6.80
CHINA GAS	15.30	15.40
CHINA L-P	18.60	18.50
CHINA MOTOR	16.70	16.70
COSMO PROP	0	5.55
EVEREST	0	33
FAIR EAST C	0	71
GEN ORIENT	0	44.00
H C DEVELOP	8.40	8.35
H C INDEX	429.77	411.52
HANG LUNG	4.45	4.45
HANG SENG	29.00	29.00
HAN PAR BR	0	21.00
HK KONGDOM	7.85	7.75
HK LAND CO	6.40	6.35
HK SHAN BK	7.40	7.40
HK SHAN BK	4.00	4.10
HK TELE CO	14.70	14.60
HUTCH WAM	7.40	7.25
IND EO PAC	7.30	7.95
JARDINE K	11.20	11.10
KOOLSON M	10.70	10.60
NEW WORLD	7.50	7.45
PAUL Y CON	1.59	1.60
REALTY DEV	5.10	5.10
S H K CO	1.72	1.73
S H K PROP	8.75	8.70
SINE DARRY	1.42	1.44
STELUX HFG	5.65	5.70
SUN PAC	15.80	15.80
SUN B CO	13.00	13.00
TAT CHEUNG	3.07	3.07
UNITED BANK	1.56	1.56
WOCK HAD	0	7.25
WOCK HAD	0	1.15
WORLD INTL	2.05	2.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BC-A	78.50	78.00	79.00
STOCK LT	BUY	SELL	LC-A	55
AC-A	8.30	8.40	LC-B	61
ANSCOR	5.00	5.10	PK-A	54
FER	2.70	2.85	PK-B	55
GLO	33.00	33.50	OIL SECTOR	56
PLDT	155.00	154.00	BP-A	0.16
PCIB	31.00	33.00	BP-B	0.16
SMC-A	117.00	117.00	LRC-A	0.032
SMC-B	130.00	--	LRC-B	0.03
HINING SECTOR	--	--	OPH-A	0.0925
APX-A	0.0525	0.0525	OPH-B	0.0925
APX-B	0.0525	0.0525	OV-A	0.049
AT-A	29.50	30.00	OV-B	0.05

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	510,230	3,796,565	765.66	11.83 UP
COMM. - IND.	104,490,250	22,861,025	6,113.53	102.29 UP
MINING	146,430,000	8,445,490	6,346	0.208 UP
OIL	346,430,480	35,103,080	847.50	18.24 UP

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BC-A	78.00	78.00	80.00
STOCK LT	BUY	SELL	LC-A	55
AC-A	8.30	8.40	LC-B	61
ANSCOR	5.10	5.10	PK-A	54
FER	2.60	2.70	PK-B	55
GLO	32.50	33.00	OIL SECTOR	56
PLDT	155.00	155.00	BP-A	0.16
PCIB	27.00	27.50	BP-B	0.16
SMC-A	116.00	116.00	LRC-A	0.032
SMC-B	130.00	--	LRC-B	0.03
HINING SECTOR	--	--	OPH-A	0.0925
APX-A	0.05	0.0525	OPH-B	0.0925
APX-B	0.05	0.0525	OV-A	0.049
AT-A	30.00	30.00	OV-B	0.05
AT-B	32.50	32.50	SPH-A	0.025

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUES	AVERAGES	CHANGES
SECTOR	343,650	6,672,210	762.28	UP 6.02
C/I	189,234,800	33,561,475	5,777.08	UP 62.81
MINING	262,060,000	11,282,250	6,508	UP 2.45
OILS	466,638,450	51,515,935	828.05	UP 15.77

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.020	1.030	1.030	1.020	130000	7
GULF BANK	0.395	0.395	0.400	0.395	220000	5
COMMERCIAL BK	0.280	0.275	0.280	0.275	60000	4
AMLI BANK	0.380	0.380	0.380	0.380	20000	2
B.K.M.E.	0.290	0.290	0.290	0.290	20000	2
K.R.E.B.	0.440	0.440	0.440	0.440	20000	2
BURBAN BANK	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	20000	2
K.F.HOUSE	0.500	0.510	0.510	0.495	170000	11
INVESTMENT SECTOR	0.218	0.212	0.212	0.212	54810	2
KUT INV. CO.	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	10000	1
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.170	0.170	0.170	0.170	10000	1
K.I.T.C.	0.440	0.435	0.435	0.435	10000	1
CON.FACILITIES	0.000	0.112	0.112	0.110	80000	2
AMLI INV.	0.112	0.112	0.112	0.110	80000	2
I.F.A.	0.104	0.112	0.112	0.104	940000	16
INV. PEARL KUT	0.000	0.104	0.112	0.104	940000	16
INSURANCE SECTOR	0.800	0.740	0.760	0.740	15000	3
KUT INSURANCE	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	15000	3
GULF INSURANCE	0.610	0.610	0.610	0.610	15000	3
AMLI INS. CO.	0.490	0.490	0.490	0.490	15000	3
REAL ESTATE SECTOR	0.280	0.280	0.280	0.280	10000	1
KUT R.E. CO.	0.132	0.132	0.132	0.132	60000	2
UNI R.E. CO.	0.240	0.240	0.240	0.240	60000	2
WAT R.E. CO.	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	60000	2
SALIHAN R.E.	0.070	0.070	0.070	0.070	60000	2
KUT PROJECTS	0.090	0.090	0.090	0.090	60000	2
KUT R.E.I. CON	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	60000	2
INDUSTRY SECTOR	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.560	10000	1
NAT IND. CO.	0.315	0.295	0.295	0.295	10000	1
KUT M.P. IND.	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.248	10000	1
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.395	0.395	0.395	0.395	10000	1
REF. IND. CO.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	10000	1
N.A.M.T. CO.	1.040	1.040	1.040	1.040	250000	1
GULF CABLE	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	250000	1
K.H.P. IND. CO.	0.350	0.350	0.350	0.350	250000	1
CONT. MARINE	0.046	0.046	0.046	0.046	250000	1
K.S.H. REP. CO.	0.090	0.085	0.085	0.085	80000	2
SERVICES SECTOR	0.218	0.218	0.218	0.218	80000	2
OVERLAND TRANS	0.168	0.168	0.168	0.168	80000	2
K.N.C. CO.	0.176	0.176	0.176	0.176	80000	2
KUT HOTELS CO.	0.390	0.385	0.385	0.385	750000	26
WAREHOUSING	0.186	0.190	0.190	0.184	400000	12
MOBILE TELE.	0.255	0.255	0.255	0.255	400000	12
KUT COMPUTER	0.144	0.144	0.144	0.144	400000	12
FOOD SECTOR	0.248	0.248	0.248	0.248	20000	1
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.320	0.320	0.320	0.320	20000	1
UNTO FISHERIES	0.150	0.150	0.150	0.150	20000	1
UNTO POULTRY	0.072	0.072	0.072	0.072	280000	2
KUT FOODS	0.051	0.052	0.052	0.052	280000	2
AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.050	280000	2
NON-KUT SECTOR	0.094	0.093	0.093	0.093	160000	3
BW. INTER. BK	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.041	400000	3
UNTO EAST BK	0.870	0.870	0.870	0.870	520000	7
UNTO GULF BK	0.096	0.092	0.092	0.092	520000	7
COAST INVEST.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	520000	7
A.G. INV. CORP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	520000	7
FIRST GULF BK	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	520000	7
B.K.I.B.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	520000	7

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters) — Businessmen and bankers who gave Nigeria credit to buy imports announced yesterday they reluctantly accepted a repayment plan that some say gives them too little over too long a period of time.

At a special meeting in London, creditors voted 248 to 112 to accept Nigeria's offer to repay \$3.25 billion of I.O.U.s in the form of promissory notes. With unpaid interest added in, the notes are worth an estimated \$4 billion.

"The smaller businesses are very, very upset by the Nigerian plan. But they see the Nigerians have dug their heels in and they're unlikely to get a better deal," said Ian Campbell, chairman of the British Export Houses Association (Beha).

The money will be paid back over a 22-year period, which some say is too long, especially since other groups of creditors get their money back in three to 10 years.

"In the 1970s companies were only too happy to trade with Nigeria. They paid their debts, even if they were late sometimes — until the oil prices slumped in 1982," said Campbell.

The trade

Gold prices drop

Dollar bounces up on US trade figures

NEW YORK, Jan 15, (Reuters): Stock prices surged around the world and the dollar jumped on currency markets today after the United States reported an unexpectedly large drop in its November trade deficit.

"The markets are going through the roof. This is an exceptionally good number," said a New York dealer.

Wall Street stocks surged 50 points on the Dow Jones industrial average to 1,951 in the first 15 minutes of trading and held onto the gain throughout the morning.

Narrowed

The Commerce Department said the trade deficit narrowed in November to \$13.22 billion from a record 17.63 billion in October, surprising even the most optimistic forecasters who had been expecting a figure in the 14 to 15 billion range.

The dollar immediately shot higher, advancing by four marks and four yen to 1.6700 marks and 129.90 yen from yesterday's close

of 1.6290 and 126.00.

"It's fast and furious," said Karen Kluge of Credit Suisse, referring to trading activity after the trade report.

"For the first five minutes after the number, it was like the stock exchange on October 19. You couldn't find a price," said Chris Bourdain of Bank of America's New York office.

The London stock market's main blue-chip barometer, the FTSE-100 share index, gained more than 15 points to 1,755 after the trade figure was announced. British government bonds also soared.

Jumped

Paris shares jumped 2.6 per cent.

The benchmark US Treasury 30-year bond jumped 1.75 to \$100.31 per \$100 face value of bonds.

The dollar gained nearly four yen to 129.90 yen. Against sterling it gained more than four cents to trade at 1.7825 dollars to the pound.

Dealers had feared yet another big trade deficit, remembering that bad US trade figures helped trigger the 'Black Monday' October 19 markets crash.

Also, they recalled that news in December of the record monthly trade deficit for October caused a new retreat of share values and hit the dollar.

Arguing

By January 4 the dollar was at historic lows of just 120.20 Japanese yen and 1.5615 West German marks, from which it had to be rescued by concerted intervention during the past 10 days by central banks in the United States, Europe and Japan.

Some economists have been arguing that the dollar had fallen too far.

They said the trade deficit would start to come down as a cheaper dollar priced foreign goods off the US market and has American companies started gaining sales overseas.

"US manufacturers are the

low cost producers in many areas, European manufacturers are holding market share only by severely cutting profit margins, and will soon be forced to cut production and jobs," said Sykes Wilford, an economist at investment bankers Drexel Burnham Lambert.

The trade deficit reported today declined in part because exports for the month soared 9.4 per cent to a record \$23.8 billion. Imports fell six per cent to 37.02 per cent.

While financial markets hang on the release of US trade figures, many sceptical analysts in the United States say these monthly statistics are little more than guesswork.

But the trade figures have repeatedly moved markets in the recent turbulent months.

Anxiety

Besides general anxiety about the US economy, an explanation for the impact made by bad figures seems to be that currency operators have judged that — for

as long as the United States imports much more than it exports — it would pour out more dollars than people wanted.

So anticipating a fall in the value of the dollar, they have sold and taken it down. Stock markets then fell, too, because a weak dollar threatens inflation in the United States and pinches Asian and European companies' export earnings.

Friday's good figures might signal a firmer trend in all markets. Several brokers were saying that anything better than a forecast \$15 billion deficit could be regarded as a positive sign.

As the dollar gained, gold plummeted, losing \$10.20 per ounce to \$481 in New York.

Analysts said markets in Europe had been paralysed ahead of the US trade figures. The Japanese, whose markets were closed today for a holiday, shrugged off worries about America's huge deficit and bought stock yesterday.



Dealers in the London Stock Exchange keep a close eye on their screens as the dollar and stocks moves up on the news of US trade deficit. (Reuters wirephoto)

Central Bank favours merger

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Bank welcomed any good results and returns by any bank or company, but would not agree to distribution of profits to shareholders at the expense of financial results which were known to the Central Bank. He said the Central Bank realised the effect of such distribution of profits on the activity of these banks and companies. He said this may not be clear now, but the Central Bank's policy was based on concern for the future activities of the local banks and companies.

Refused

Sheikh Salem said that when the Central Bank refused a request to distribute a certain profit rate it was because the Central Bank wanted to protect the assets of the bank or company. But if the Central Bank found the results were good, then it agreed to the request.

Speaking about the speculation in buying US dollars by local banks, he said that resulted in lack of liquidity in Kuwaiti dinars and causing KD interest rates to rise up to 40 per cent for one night. He said, in 1981 the interest rate had shot up to 53 per cent for one night.

He explained that the local banks, taking advantage of the dollar's sharp drop to 269 fils, had started buying dollars without covering their dollar deposits with the Central Bank. The Central Bank then intervened, and commercial banks which were speculating had to hurry and cover their deposits and were forced to pay a high interest rate for dinars.

Object

He said the Central Bank did not object to the financial activities of commercial banks, but said these activities should be legal and should not beat the cost of the Kuwaiti dinar.

About implementation of the difficult loans settlement programme, the Governor said that, until Jan 7, the Central Bank had implemented the programme on 96 per cent of the dealers involved and for 93 per cent of the amount. He praised the effect of the programme's implementation on the national economy.

Ozal predicts Turkey payments deficit halved

ISTANBUL, Jan 15, (Reuters): Turkey's current account deficit for 1987 may be less than \$750 million, about half the 1986 deficit, Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said yesterday.

The current account balance of payments figures are keenly watched by foreign bankers concerned about repayment of Turkey's foreign debt, which stood at \$33.1 billion in July.

Turkey's unofficial total foreign revenue for 1987 would be about \$16 billion against expenditures of between 16.70 and \$16.75 billion, Ozal told state radio.

The official deficit in the first 10 months of 1987 was \$395 million. The 1986 total was \$1.53 billion and over \$1 billion in 1984 and 1985.

The improvement was mainly due to a 34 per cent rise last year in Turkish exports, mostly manufactured goods. Exports are expected to earn \$10 billion in 1987.

Ozal said Turkey's rate of foreign debt accumulation compared to revenues was far slower than its peak in the 1973-79 period. He hoped Turkey's current account deficit would be eliminated within five years.

US trade deficit drops sharply

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, (Reuters): The US government today reported a sharp drop in the trade deficit for November, touching off a powerful rally in world financial markets.

The Commerce Department said the trade gap narrowed to \$13.22 billion from October's record 17.63 billion thanks to a surge in exports and a drop in imports.

The figure, the smallest deficit in six months and far better than the \$15 billion that economists had forecast, immediately reassured traders worried that another poor trade figure would cause havoc in the financial markets.

Surged

The dollar surged more than three per cent against major currencies. Interest rates tumbled and Wall Street stocks soared as the markets read the report as evidence that America was finally getting its financial house in order.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 50 points in early trading to around 1,970.

The Reagan administration also cheered.

"The drop in the trade deficit is welcome news," Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter said in a statement.

It is rarely possible to generalise from only one month's figures, but the November report would seem to indicate that the huge rise in the October deficit was an aberration," he said.

With American exports booming, he said there was no reason for Congress to pass a protectionist trade bill. "All the fundamentals remain in place for the deficit to decline further in 1988. There is never a good time to erect protectionist trade barriers, but this would clearly be the worst possible time to do so," Yeutter said.

Inflation

The government had more good news today, reporting that inflation remained subdued in December even though the nation's factories continued to pump out more goods.

The Labour Department said prices at the wholesale level dropped by a surprising 0.3 per

cent in December after being unchanged in November.

The department said wholesale prices for all of 1987 increased by 2.2 per cent after declining by 2.3 per cent in 1986. Prices for goods at the wholesale level are now about the same as they were in December 1985.

Industrial production, meanwhile, rose 0.3 per cent in December after rising 0.4 per cent in November and 1.1 per cent in October, the Federal Reserve Board said.

Output of consumer goods was little changed, rising 0.1 per cent in December as widespread increases in production of how goods, especially appliances, was offset by declines in car production, the Fed said.

The Commerce Department also reported that US business inventories rose by \$5.57 billion or 0.8 per cent, in November to a seasonally adjusted 695.50 billion. If goods continued to pile up on the shelves, factories would eventually be forced to cut back production.

But it was the trade report that excited the markets. Because

economists have blamed global trade imbalances — especially the US deficit — for the recent turmoil in the foreign exchange and stock markets, traders and policymakers alike had been nervously awaiting today's figures.

The government reported improvements across the board.

US exports rose 9.4 per cent to a record \$23.80 billion in November, the clearest sign yet that the three-year drop in the dollar has made US manufacturers more competitive on world markets.

The deficit in manufactured goods narrowed to \$12.22 billion in November from 15.52 billion in October.

Commerce Department officials said exports of aircraft, power generators and chemicals contributed to the record export performance in November. The previous record was \$22.9 billion in March 1981.

There was also a marked improvement on the other side of the nation's trade ledger, with imports dropping 6.0 per cent to \$37.02 billion.

Debtor nations short of cash turn increasingly to barter

LONDON, Jan 15, (Reuters): Someone, traders' folklore says, once bartered the skeleton of a Mongolian dinosaur for West German trucks.

The Saudis swapped oil for Tornado warplanes. Honduras exchanged bananas for Soviet fertiliser.

Barter, the world's oldest form of trade, is enjoying a new lease of life in the 1980s. And one reason, economists say, is that many nations are strapped for hard currency.

"The volume of countertrade has a lot to do with the fact that everyone is owing money. They don't have the foreign exchange needed for cash deals," said Jonathan Bell, research manager for Batis Ltd, a London firm providing trade information and research.

Countertrade

Modern countertrade is a complex business, involving not just bartering goods for goods the way early civilisations did before people invented money, but various other kinds of reciprocal trade agreement too.

There is 'buyback' for instance, where a firm gives a country technology and agrees to be paid in goods it produces.

In 'counterpurchase,' the seller buys something from the buyer in exchange. 'Offset' involves an exporter agreeing to incorporate in his final product some part or parts produced by

the importing country.

The extent of countertrade, long favoured by Communist countries, is hard to measure. Depending on who you ask, it could account for anything from eight to 25 per cent of world trade.

The head of countertrade at a large British company said it made up a tiny proportion of its total exports but between 50 and 100 per cent of sales to problem areas.

Shrinking

"I think sellers in the 1990s are going to find rapidly shrinking area to export into where hard currency is available as payment," he said.

The debt crisis meant demand for countertrade was increasing as Communist and Third World exporters faced the problem of how else they could fund imports.

"My view is that it is not going to get any better," the executive said.

"I believe that in the 1990s we shall all be searching for alternative ways to do business, not necessarily through countertrade, but through more creative ways of selling — buyers helping sellers find outlets for their goods, more goodwill."

Traders often use barter to get round quota agreements, market sources said.

They said Uganda produces more than its annual inter-

national Coffee Organisation (ICO) export quota of 142,800 tonnes and barter the surplus with non-ICO countries in the Communist bloc and Third World.

Libya is supplying Uganda with \$6 million worth of oil in exchange for 3,000 tonnes of coffee.

Fixed

Members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) use barter to evade organisation fixed pricing agreements.

Oil is a relatively serviceable means of exchange as the size, sophistication and efficiency of the world market means it can be converted into cash fairly easily.

Saudi Arabia bartered 400,000 barrels per day of crude oil to Shell and British Petroleum to pay for Tornado and other warplanes worth \$8 billion from Britain in June.

Opec does not approve of barter, but many of its member countries do it. Jonathan Bell at London's Batis Ltd said.

He also said that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) "are on a downer on any kind of countertrade, but they will give their tacit approval to offset deals. They tend to ask why goods can't be sold for cash which could then be used to pay off debts to them or other creditors."

Bankrupt

Tsubame, a town of 44,000 people which in 1985 exported some 85 per cent of its cutlery, felt the shock almost immediately after the dollar began its slide in September 1985.

Orders plummeted, and row after row of workshops were closed as workers were laid off.

In 1986, the president of a failing cutlery company committed suicide on the eve of his firm's collapse.

Two other major cutlery mak-

ers also went bankrupt, and about 10 changed to other lines of business entirely to survive, said Kiyoshi Ohhashi of Tsubame's Japan Metal Cutlery Industry Association, the 'cutlery workers' union.

Tsubame saw its cutlery exports drop 13.6 per cent in 1985, and a further 26.7 per cent in 1986.

Many shops and restaurants on Tsubame's main shopping street have gone out of business.

Camera show owner Masahiro Kubota is one of the last merchants still in business on his block. "It's been depressing from the beginning, but now it's only getting worse," he complained.

Took care

But unemployment among cutlery makers is surprisingly low at about 300 from the industry's total workforce of about 6,000 people, Ohhashi said.

In this close-knit community where practically everyone

Pakistan investment companies draw funds

KARACHI, Jan 15, (Reuters): Pakistan's small investors can either put their money in the banks — annual return 12 to 16 per cent — or they can opt for illicit private investment companies paying anywhere from 50 to 150 per cent.

Not surprisingly, the banks are losing out. They are in theory not allowed to charge interest at all as it is banned under Islamic banking rules.

Devised

And, although they have devised ways of paying investors a return, such as profit-and-loss share accounts, the rewards from the private players are so much higher that people are flocking to them.

They are convenient, profitable and totally illegal, operating under the nose of the State (Central) Bank with no books, no taxes and no government control.

Bankers estimate several hundred companies regularly pay out interest at clients' doors. The more brazen even advertise in the press.

The banks, state-owned since 1973, are up in arms about it. On January 7 the head of the Karachi Stock Exchange called for government action.

Two days later Finance Minister Yasin Khan Wattso said the State Bank and corporate law authority were taking steps to put a stop to the practice. He promised "severe" measures but gave no details.

Jahan Ara, 38, a housewife with five children at school,

invested 20,000 rupees (\$1,140) to boost the income from her textile-worker husband's 1,850-rupee (\$105) monthly pay. She says her investment yields seven per cent a month.

Delivers

"A man delivers a small, white envelope containing 1,400 rupees (\$80) at my doorstep in the second week of every month, without needing any signature," she says. "I use 1,000 rupees (\$57) a month to repay a loan and spend the rest."

Thousands of other people in Karachi have pulled nest-eggs out from under the mattress, tempted by the interest rates. Others have encashed stocks, sold property and withdrawn their savings from bank accounts, say stock and estate brokers.

"We get upto 10 per cent profit every month on our investments and pay back up to seven per cent," says investment company owner Abdul Razaq. "We still make a profit."

Most of the funds are invested in Karachi's flourishing real-estate and construction business, where annual returns rise as high as 100 per cent.

High rates

Despite a creaking infrastructure and occasional ethnic riots, the port city of over seven million is something of a boom town. It has close links with the Gulf and attracts up to 250,000 migrants, mainly from inside Pakistan, each year.

Some of the money is lent at

high rates to industrialists and importers unable to obtain capital from the government's banks because of tight credit policies.

Stock and estate dealers say some cash undoubtedly ends up in illegal businesses but little goes into Karachi's flourishing drugs trade.

Bankers say the thriving illicit business is hampering government efforts to raise Pakistan's chronically low investment level, seen by both economists and the state bank as a major obstacle to national economic development.

"It has definitely drained out money from savings accounts," said a branch manager of one of the five nationalised banks.

Withdrawn

"Most of the small depositors have drawn money," another said. "We want more money in the savings accounts to extend loans to deserving people setting up industries."

"Illegal and unethical deposit grabbers should be thoroughly and strictly scrutinised and brought under income tax and corporate investment rules without which none should be allowed to operate," fulminated the stock exchange's new president, Bashir Jan Mohammad, in his inaugural speech.

Not everyone sees the private companies as a threat. Some bankers say they have lured away only a small production of the banks' business.

A government economist also

Egypt cuts crude price

CAIRO, Jan 15, (AP): Egypt decreased the price of its grade Gulf of Suez crude to \$15 per barrel for the two weeks of January, in decision on the prices of its oil ministry source said yesterday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said interdepartmental price-set committee had not reached decision on the prices of Belgrade and Ras Ghazal and would meet again today.

For the first two weeks of January, the price of Belayim, \$15.05 a barrel, Ras Badran, \$14.55 a barrel and Ras Ghazal was \$13.95 a barrel.

The source noted that present situation left the grade Gulf of Suez sell cheaper than the second grade Belayim. Oil ministry officials were not immediately available for comment.

Several companies had indeed vanished with the clients' funds, according to State Bank officials. But the tight run illegal businesses still prosper and without government action there seems little doubt they will continue to do so.

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Deposits

Top rate of return is 18 per cent a year, on five-year deposits. Bankers say the private companies pay up to 13 per cent a month though four to seven per cent the norm.

Some would-be investors have sought funds from Dubai, Bahrain, Singapore and Hong Kong to invest in the ill-fated Karachi market.

They repay the foreign currency through the black market or by buying perfect legal foreign exchange certificates.

"The money is rolling on streets of Karachi," stockbroker Yunus Tasi said.

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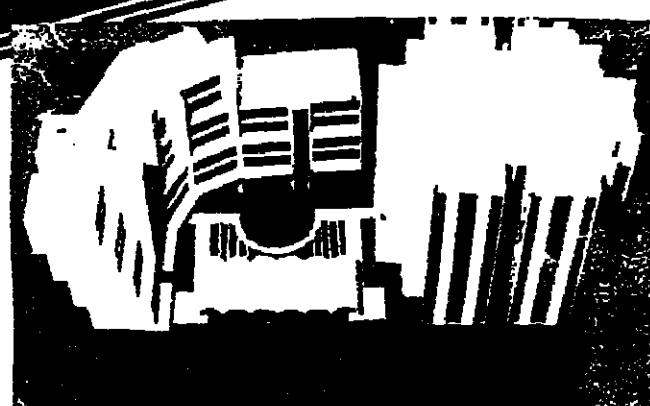
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SPORTS

Lillee's first class return draws mixed reactions

SYDNEY, Jan 15. (Reuters): Dennis Lillee's decision to put his peerless reputation on the line and return to first class cricket at the age of 38 has drawn mixed reactions in Australia.

Fast bowler Lillee retired from international cricket four years ago after taking an Australian and then world record 355 wickets in 70 Tests.

But this season, although playing club cricket in his native Perth, he has decided to join struggling Tasmania in the Sheffield Shield competition and in true Lillee fashion signalled his return by taking a wicket with his first ball against South Australia today.

The list of successful comebacks in any sport is small and commentators and players alike have been sceptical about Lillee's decision.

"It doesn't worry me at all," Lillee retorted when questioned at a packed news conference yesterday.

Warrants

"I've never worried about my reputation or the reputation of anyone I play against. I just think people should be allowed to do what they want to do and this is what I want to do."

"I'm happy that my form and fitness warrants making a comeback and that's what I intend to do."

"I've been practising three to four nights a week as well as playing at the weekends and have been doing a lot of running and general fitness work. So I'm confident my body can stand up to the strains of playing Shield cricket again."

Lillee's once-flowing locks are rapidly thinning and grey strands are evident but he has always kept himself in prime physical condition and his 36 wickets at just 12 runs each in the powerful Perth first grade competition this season are eloquent testimony to his enduring skills.

With a single stump serving as a marker at team practice yesterday, the man rated by many as the best fast bowler ever to play the game knocked it out of the ground with his first delivery. He repeated the feat three balls later.

Despite Lillee's fitness and form, former Test partner Jeff Thomson has questioned the wisdom of his comeback and said a substantial financial inducement must have been offered.

"He's got nothing to prove and is leaving himself open for knockers. It'll be all right if Dennis gets wickets, but if he doesn't, the knockers will say 'silly old bastard', Thomson said.

"All I can say is that his bank balance must be looking pretty healthy right now."

New Zealand's Richard Hadlee, joint world record holder with 373 Test wickets, told a local newspaper he regarded Lillee as the greatest fast bowler ever but could not comprehend his decision to come back.

"Dennis has nothing to gain by coming out of retirement for another attempt at big-time cricket. Lillee went out on a high a few years ago and I admired his decision," Hadlee said.

"But I have no idea why he has now opted to make a comeback."

However Botham, now playing Sheffield Shield for Queensland, described Lillee as "the master of masters," and said he would make a successful return.

"The guy is a fitness freak. If you know the man, you will know anything that he sets his mind to he'll have a go at and achieve," Botham said.

Former Test captain and team-mate Greg Chappell agreed that Lillee's decision to return was a great thing for Australian cricket.

"He's not 100 per cent fit but fit enough as he has been playing in club competition," Chappell said. "Dennis's experience and ability will be very useful to the whole Tasmanian side."

HIRWANI TAKES RECORD-EQUALLING 16 WICKETS

India rout W. Indies to level series

MADRAS, India, Jan 15. (Reuters): Teenage leg break bowler Narendra Hirwani became today only the second bowler in Test cricket history to claim 16 wickets on his debut as India thrashed West Indies by 255 runs in the fourth and final Test.

The match was over before tea on the fourth day, leaving the series level at 1-1.

Hirwani, 19, exploited a difficult pitch magnificently to take eight for 75 in West Indies' second innings total of 160 to give him match figures of 16 for 136.

Claim

India had earlier taken their overnight total of 181 for four to 217 for eight before declaring to leave West Indies 416 to win.

The only other bowler to claim 16 wickets on his Test debut is Australia's Bob Massie, who took 16 for 137 against England at Lord's in 1972.

Hirwani, aided by four stumpings from Kiran More, extracted vicious turn from a pitch which West Indies have formally complained about to the Indian Board of Control.

Only Gus Logie and Clyde Butts showed any defiance, with

Logie using his feet well to smother the spin.

The diminutive Logie scored 67 off 62 deliveries, including eight fours and two sixes, before he was stumped.

He had added 61 in 43 minutes with Butts, who made 38 including three sixes before skying Hirwani to extra cover where Ajay Sharma held the easy catch.

Hirwani, who took more wickets in one Test than any other Indian bowler, began the run before lunch when Phil Simmons hit a full toss straight to Mohinder Amarnath at mid-on when he was on 14.

Desmond Haynes was leg before soon after lunch for six and wickets fell quickly until Logie and Butts came together.

Richie Richardson was caught by Amarnath off off-spinner Arshad Ayub for seven but Hirwani claimed the crucial wicket of captain Viv Richards, caught off a top edge on second slip by Kapil Dev for four.

Carl Hooper was stumped for eight, Jeff Dujon went for two and Winston Davis for seven.

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Hirwani stumping.

Yesterday West Indies formally complained to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) about the wicket prepared for the Madras Test, the touring team's assistant manager said today.

Norman MacLean told Reuters that West Indies manager Jackie Hendricks had sent a letter to BCCI president S. Srinaman and secretary Ranbir

Singh Mahendra saying the pitch was unfit for a five-day match.

BCCI officials were not immediately available for comment.

MacLean said the letter alleged the wicket had not been watered for more than a week before the match and was deliberately prepared to favour spinners and allow India to square the series.

The letter said preparing such a wicket was not good for international cricket, he added.

Hendricks told Reuters West Indies did not expect anything to result from the letter but "we wanted to get our position on record."

Scoreboard

INDIA first innings 382 (Kapil Dev 109, W. Davis four for 76)

WEST INDIES first innings 184 (V. Richards 68, N. Hirwani eight for 61)

INDIA second innings (overnight 181 for four)

K. Srikkanth 17 b Davis 17

A. Lal 11 b Walsh 1

W. Raman 83 c Dujon b Walsh 83

M. Amarnath 1 c Richardson b Walsh 1

M. Ashwaruddin 39 c Davis b Richards 39

A. Sharma 23 b Patterson 23

K. Dev 11 b Patterson 5

R. Shastri not out 20

WEST INDIES second innings: D. Haynes 6 b Hirwani 6

P. Simmons 14 c Amarnath b Hirwani 14

R. Richardson 7 c Amarnath b Ayub 7

V. Richards 4 c Kapil Dev b Hirwani 4

A. Logie 67 c More b Hirwani 67

C. Hooper 8 c More b Hirwani 8

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C. Butts 38 c Sharma b Hirwani 38

W. Davis 7 c More b Hirwani 7

C. Walsh 0 c More b Raman 0

P. Patterson not out 0

Extras (lb-1 lb-1 lb-2) 7

Total 160

Fall of wickets: 1-22-27-33-44-51-61-79-140-153-160.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 4-3-8-0, Amarnath 2-4-7-0, Shastri 5-0-25-4, Ayub 14-5-33-1, Hirwani 15-2-75-8, Raman 18-4-28-1.

Result: India won by 255 runs.

First Test: West Indies won by five wickets.

Second Test: drawn.

Third Test: drawn.

Series drawn 1-1.

K. More c Dujon b Walsh 0

A. Ayub not out 3

Extras (lb-8 lb-7 lb-10) 25

Total (for eight wickets declared) 217

Fall of wickets: 1-3-26-37-4-124-5-185-6-185-7-190-8-194

Bowling: Patterson 9-2-17-2, Walsh 16-5-55-4, Davis 6-0-20-1, Butts 21-1-42-0, Hooper 6-1-20-0, Richards 18-4-28-1.

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Ranatunga: couldn't save his side

Taylor takes Aussies past Sri Lankans

MELBOURNE, Jan 15. (Reuters): Peter Taylor, who fought his way back into the Australian team after being dropped, steered the side to a convincing 38-run win over Sri Lanka in a World Series Cup match yesterday.

The win assured Australia of a place in the finals with eight points from five matches.

Taylor, who lost his place after last year's World Cup, took the Man of the Match award for his unbeaten 27 and his four wickets for 38.

Threatening

The New South Wales off-spinner chipped in with the vital wicket of captain Ranjan Madugalle just when the Sri Lankans looked like threatening the Australian total of 243 for eight off 50 overs.

Sri Lanka could manage only 205 from 44.5 overs after a collapse which saw the last six wickets fall for 42 runs.

The young Sri Lankan team, who beat New Zealand in Hobart on Tuesday, looked set to record another upset when Madugalle and Arjuna Ranatunga were at the crease.

They shared an exciting 97-run partnership to help Sri Lanka to recover from 66 for four and close in on the winning target.

But then Taylor claimed the wickets of Madugalle, caught for 44, and Guy de Alwis, who fell for a duck. Ranatunga was run out for 67 in the next over.

Australia had recovered from a shaky start in which they lost openers David Boon for two and

Geoff Marsh for nought with only six runs on the board.

But they revived with a 60-run partnership between Dean Jones and Mike Veletta.

Veletta notched up his highest score in the series — 46 off 68 balls.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA innings: D. Boon 4 c Ranatunga b Ratnayake 1

G. Marsh 0 c de Alwis b Labrooy 0

Jones 46 c Mahanama b Ranatunga 46

M. Veletta 46 c Jeganathan 46

S. Waugh 4 c de Alwis b Labrooy 4

A. Border 57 c Labrooy b de Silva 57

G. Dyer 4 c Madugalle b Labrooy 4

P. Taylor not out 27

C. McDermott c Gurusingha b Labrooy 19

A. Dodemaise not out 17

Extras (lb-11 w-6) 243

Total (for eight wickets, 50 overs) 243

Fall of wickets: 1-1-2-6-3-66-4-90-5-158-6-177-7-190-8-220.

Bowling: Ratnayake 8-0-24-1, Labrooy 10-1-39-4, Ratnayake 5-0-32-0, Ranatunga 10-0-47-1, Jeganathan 7-0-36-1, F.A. de Silva 10-0-54-1.

SRI LANKA innings: R. Mahanama b Dodemaise 7

B. Kuruppu 11 b Waugh 22

Gurusingha c Border b McDermott 7

A. de Silva c Boon b McDermott 10

A. Ratnayake run out 67

R. Madugalle c and b Taylor 44

G. de Alwis c Veletta b Taylor 0

R. Ratnayake c Dyer b Dodemaise 16

G. Labrooy c McDermott b Taylor 13

S. Jeganathan c Border b Taylor 1

C. Ratnayake not out 6

Total (44.5 overs) 205

Fall of wickets: 1-14-2-27-3-38-4-66-5-163-6-163-7-164-8-183-9-189.

Bowling: Dodemaise 7-5-23-2, McDermott 10-2-42-2, Waugh 7-0-33-1, May 10-0-48-0, Taylor 10-1-38-4.

Cash, Lendl and Noah in last 16

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 15. (AP): Wimbledon champion Pat Cash sounded a stern warning to his rivals today after romping to a 6-1, 6-2, 6-1 victory over compatriot and close friend Paul McNamee.

Cash showed there was little room for sentiment with a clinical performance which effectively ended McNamee's career.

The former Davis Cup player had announced prior to the event that it would be his last.

Cash, the No. 4 seed, joined world No. 1 Ivan Lendl and fifth-seeded Yannick Noah in the round of 16 after both players overcame searing heat to score third-round victories.

Two seeds were ousted, with seventh-seeded Henri Leconte of France losing a fiery encounter with American Todd Witsken 7-4, 6-3, 6-4, and 12th-seeded South African Christo van Rensburg bowing out 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 to Dutchman Michiel Schapers.

In women's singles, reigning Australian champion Steffi Graf

Evert and world No. 2 Martina Navratilova both dropped sets before overcoming young opponents.

Evert lost the first set before overcoming 22-year-old American Patty Fendick 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, while Navratilova faltered slightly before beating 19-year-old Akiko Kijimuta of Japan 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Cash said he had given full commitment to his match against McNamee.

Matters

"We are great friends off the court, but on the court we are enemies," he said. "I gave 100 per cent because I know he wouldn't have wanted it any other way. I am here to win matches. That's what matters, and I feel I'm playing better with every game."

Leconte was later fined \$500 for unsportsmanlike conduct after hitting a ball into Witsken's leg during the match. He later said he had not deliberately hit the American.

"It was an accident," he said.

Other men to advance included 14th-seeded Swede Jonas Svensson and Australian Wally Masur, the 16th seed.

Svensson endured a torrid encounter with compatriot Niklas Kroon before winning 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-3 while Masur exacted revenge on Davis Cup nemesis Ramesh Krishnan of India 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Masur, who defeated two-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker in the fourth round of last year's Open, now will meet Lendl in the fourth round.

The Australian also held two match points before losing to Lendl in an exhibition tournament at Sanctuary Cove in Queensland last week.

"I don't worry about other people's records or how they went against me last time," Lendl said. "I'm just here to win four more matches."

Lendl, who has yet to drop a set in the tournament, was never seriously troubled by Australian teenager Mark Woodforde.

downing him 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. Temperatures during the centre-court clash approached 40 C. (104 F.).

"I paced myself because the heat was so unbelievable," Lendl said.

Navratilova said she had to raise the level of her game to fend off Kijimuta.

"I made a lot of unforced errors in the first set and I wasn't serving well," she said. "I knew I would have to raise the level of play and I did."

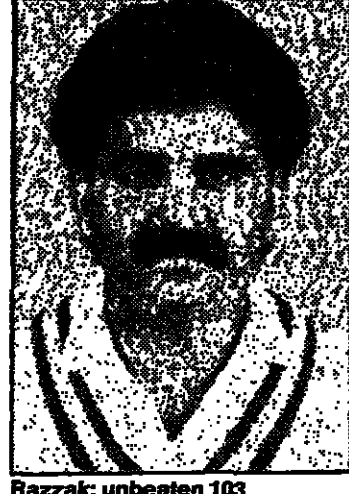
Navratilova now will face left-hander Sylvia Hanika of West Germany in the round of 16, while Evert will meet Swiss youngster Celine Cohen.

Career

Cohen will be playing the first fourth-round match of her career after scoring a 4-6, 6-1, 9-7 win over American Lea Antonoplis.

Sixth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, 10th-seeded American Barbara Potter and 11th-seeded Hanika all scored straight-forward victories.

Evergreen brush aside Casuals



Razak: unbeaten 103

EVERGREEN crushed a spirited Casuals cricket team by 70 runs in a high scoring game in the Rahim League at Ahmadi on Thursday.

Batting first, the Evergreen openers built on a solid start and started to push the score when Anderson bowled Zahid for 28 with a yorker. This brought in Razak who proceeded to hit the ball to all parts of the ground.

Razak managed to score an unbeaten 103 in only 13 overs, leaving some Casuals bowlers with embarrassing figures.

Razak was ably backed by Haider who contributed a well struck 73 not out. By the end of the innings Evergreen had put on 202 runs.

In reply, Casuals began as though they had the target in mind with Tudball and Wells quickly knocking the opening bowlers out of attack. The openers sped to 78 before Wells skied a drive and was caught for 33.

Casuals skipper Snowden then came to the wicket and carried on where he left off last week and began hitting the ball around freely. But after a while the Evergreen bowlers took control of the game and restricted the Casuals batsmen.

Although Tudball reached his 50, Casuals were only able to muster 133. Tudball and Snowden remained unbeaten on 61 and 31 respectively as Evergreen ran out easy winners by 70 runs.

Sharp strike keeps Everton's hopes alive

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters): A spectacular 75th minute goal from Scotland striker Graeme Sharp kept Everton's English Football Association (FA) Cup hopes alive on Wednesday night.

Everton drew 1-1 with Sheffield Wednesday after extra time in their third round replay. Sharp's volleyed home an unstoppable shot to cancel out a 32nd minute goal by Lee Chapman.

Both sides had chances to settle the issue, with Everton's Gary Stevens clearing a Colin West effort of the line and Wednesday's Nigel Worthington hooking the ball away at the foot of a post after Martin Hodge had only managed to Parry an Adrian Heath shot.

Superb

Extra time failed to produce a winner and the two sides must meet again in a second replay, which will be at Everton's Goodison Park ground on January 25.

Dave Bamber headed two superb goals to give Second Division Swindon a surprise 2-0 win over Division One Norwich in their third round replay.

The tall Bamber ruthlessly exposed a lack of aerial authority in the Norwich defence by heading a Dave Hockaday corner and a Jimmy Quinn free kick past goalkeeper Bryan Gunn in the 67th and 87th minutes.

English FA turn down £20m deal

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters): The English Football Association (FA) yesterday turned down a £20 million (\$36.6 million) offer from a brewery company to sponsor the FA Cup.

FA chairman Bert Millichip warned other companies considering a bid for the Cup that they will have to make an "irresistible offer" to have any hope of success.

Millichip said: "I would not consider anything below £20 million ... but there are several other terms that must be met."

The biggest is that we will never agree to the FA Cup being called anything else. That would be totally unacceptable."

Liverpool announce deal with Italian sponsors

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters): English First Division leaders Liverpool yesterday announced a three-year sponsorship deal with Italian domestic appliance company Candy.

The deal, worth £3 million (\$5.4 million) to Liverpool, is seen by both as an act of international bridge-building following the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster which led to the loss of 39 lives.

The tragedy happened before the European Cup final between Juventus of Italy and Liverpool. All English clubs were banned indefinitely from European club

soccer as a result. Liverpool were barred for a further three seasons once the national ban is lifted.

Candy, who take over from a paint company, have a factory on Merseyside, home of Liverpool.

Liverpool chairman John Smith said: "I am delighted to welcome Candy and we look forward to a mutually prosperous future with them."

"It is particularly pleasing that the sponsorship deal offers us all the opportunity to strengthen further links between Merseyside and Italy."

Porto edge Ajax in Supercup for unique treble

OPORTO, Portugal, Jan 15. (Reuters): European and World Cup champions Porto completed a unique soccer treble on Wednesday when they beat Ajax Amsterdam 1-0 in the second leg of the Supercup final.

Leading 1-0 from the first leg, Porto made sure of becoming the first side to hold all three trophies at the same time when Antonio Sousa scored in the 70th minute.

The goal, which sparked some life into a generally dull match, came after the Dutch defence misread a Joao Pinto cross and allowed the deadly Sousa a clear shot from close-range.

Two down on aggregate, Ajax tried to rally but were worn down by the Portuguese attack which grew more adventurous as the visitors began to tire.

Rui Barros, who played to form only in the second half, almost scored twice in the dying minutes but was foiled by a bad bounce and some last-gasp tack-

les from the Ajax defenders.

The young Dutch side had dominated much of the first half, their no-nonsense defence learning from their first-leg mistakes and snuffing out the midfield menace of Rui Barros and Sousa.

Playing well below their best, Porto created only a handful of chances and were lucky not to trail at half-time when Aron Wintrop pounced on a loose ball to shoot just wide in the 44th minute.

Little Rui Barros came closest for the home side when he beat keeper Stanley Menzo with a chipped shot in the 27th minute only to see the ball drift over the bar.

But the crowd of 45,000 — disappointing by Porto's standards — saw little of the sparkling play that won both clubs acclaim throughout Europe last season.

Ajax's Barry Hulshoff, acting coach after the resignation of

Johan Cruyff, said Porto deserved their win despite playing more defensively than the Dutch.

"We played to win though they gave us little room because of their more defensive set-up. We had no chance after the goal," he said.

Porto manager Tomislav Ivic said: "It was a very tactical match. But winning three trophies is a great achievement for Portuguese football."

Teams: Porto — Josef Mlynarczyk, Joao Pinto, Geraldo, Lima Pereira, Augusto Inacio, Jaime Magalhaes, Banderinha (Semedo 85), Andre, Antonio Sousa, Rui Barros, Fernando Gomes (Jorge Placido 67).

Ajax — Stanley Menzo, Danny Blind, Dan Hesp, Aron Wintrop, Peter Larsen, Rob Witschge (Brian Roy 64), John van't Schip, Dennis Bergkamp (Henrie Meijer 80), Jan Wouters, Arnold Muchren, John Bosman.



Porto captain Fernando Gomez is hoisted on the shoulders of teammates after he received the trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Pakistani inquiry

LAHORE, Pakistan, Jan 15. (Reuters) A Pakistani inquiry commission has called England cricket captain Mike Gatting's behaviour in the second Test in Faisalabad unacceptable and also criticised tour manager Peter Lush. A report on England's recent disastrous tour, made public at a news conference in Lahore today, said Lush's criticisms of the umpiring after the first of the three Tests had raised tension.

Monte Carlo

PARIS, Jan 15. (Reuters) Finnish and Swedish drivers will clash with the world's top Latins as they bid to thwart a hat-trick of Lancia victories in the 56th Monte Carlo rally which begins tomorrow.

Shield cricket

SYDNEY, Jan 15. (Reuters) Scores on the first day of the two four-day Sheffield Shield cricket matches today: In Devonport, Tasmania: Tasmania 111 (S. George six for 51), South Australia 69 for two. In Perth: Queensland 256 for six (Greg Ritchie 76, Rob Kerr 59, Ian Botham 54 not out, Terry Alderman 49 for 64) versus Western Australia.

Scottish champions

GLASGOW, Jan 15. (Reuters) Scottish soccer champions Glasgow Rangers continued their remarkable spending spree today when they signed Dundee's John Brown and Danish defender Jan Bortom for a combined fee of £530,000 (\$954,000).

Eklund appeal

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters) Swedish rally driver Per Eklund's appeal against disqualification from the British Royal Automobile Club (RAC) Rally in November was rejected by an appeal court in Paris yesterday, a spokesman for the RAC said today.

Real lose

MADRID, Jan 15. (Reuters) Real Madrid conceded three goals in the last 11 minutes and crashed to a shock 3-2 defeat by lowly Sabadell in the first leg of the Spanish Cup soccer quarter-finals on Wednesday night.

Ossie Ardiles

LONDON, Jan 15. (AP) A Florida team in a new North American pro-soccer League wants to sign veteran English League star Ossie Ardiles, it was reported yesterday.

Olympic tennis

MELBOURNE, Jan 15. (Reuters) Philippe Chatrier, President of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), quashed rumours that tennis would be reduced to a demonstration sport at the Seoul Olympics.

Craig McDermott

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters) Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott is to have a knee operation that will prevent him from playing for Gloucestershire next season, the county secretary Philip August said yesterday.

Cricket profit

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters) Nottinghamshire winners of the English County Cricket Championship and the NatWest limited over trophy in 1987, said yesterday it made £16,000 (\$29,300) profit in the last financial year.

Top boxer

CARACAS, Jan 15. (Reuters) The World Boxing Association (WBA) named super middleweight champion Chong Pal Park of South Korea yesterday its Boxer of the Month for December for his victory on December 6 over Mexican Jesus Gallardo.

Witt triumphs

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Jan 15. (AP) Katarina Witt of East Germany skated to a dramatic version to "Carmen" to win the European Figure Skating Women's Championship yesterday for the sixth time.

Squash team

COLOMBO, Jan 15. (Kuna) A four-member Sri Lankan squash team will leave here Sunday to participate in the fourth Asian Championship to be held in Kuwait starting Wednesday.

World Cup

STRBSKE PLESKO, Czechoslovakia, Jan 15. (AP) Torgny Mogren of Sweden won the men's 15-kilometre cross-country free-skating event today in the Nordic Skiing World Cup, his third victory this season.

CHIHAB AND HANAN FINISH THIRD IN KUWAIT RALLY

Al Hilal holds off Al Wazzan for first-round win

By Gail Seery

KUWAIT champion Ahmed Al Hilal took a decisive 4 minutes 37 seconds victory over rally veteran Tareq Al Wazzan in his Marlboro sponsored Range Rover in yesterday's first round of the 1988 Kuwait championship.

Driving his new Rothmans Toyota Corolla for the first time, Al Hilal and co-driver Fahed Al Rashed suffered few problems in the ten-stage event. Third was Faez Chihab with his wife Hanan Al Shanteer as a new co-driver. Ahmed Al Nasser was in fourth place in his Mitsubishi Lancer, and Tareq and Khuloud Alyan were in fifth place in their Charade.

Pleased

Al Hilal and Al Rashed had one flat tyre on the third stage but continued, losing between 30 and 32 seconds. Other than that the event had been straightforward. Al Rashed said that he was very pleased with Al Hilal's driving. "You need to be a very good driver to handle a new car so well," he added. "You need very good notes to do well on this rally as there are quite a few tricky places." This is a remark that those whose notes were not so good would certainly agree with. He also praised the one-man service team. "It's been very good," he said. Al Hilal said he was pleased with his car and with his sponsor, and has great hopes for the new season now that he has a more competitive vehicle.

Al Wazzan was naturally disappointed to be in second place. However, "As I told you, the



Al Wazzan stays on Al Hilal's tail

Range Rover was at a disadvantage on this rally." Even so, he had been just one second behind Al Hilal when the Marlboro Range Rover had a puncture. "We didn't stop, and we drove on with the puncture for 11 km. We lost 2 minutes and 30 seconds in stage 4 through that. These stages need a fast car, not a strong car. I pushed very hard," he added. His co-driver Khaled Khalifa added that although they had tried hard it had been impossible to make up time on the Corolla.

Faez Chihab made his return to rallying after a three-year break, and like Al Wazzan before him, proved that skill is not lost so quickly. Chihab was Kuwait's first national champion, and would dearly like to take this year's title, if he can find a good sponsor. "I am glad to be back in the driving seat," he said. He praised his wife. "Hanan read the pace notes well. She was a terrific

co-driver. However there had been rear suspension problems after stage 6. Chihab said that he had offered a prize for the best novice co-driver, and for the best novice driver. "We should encourage the newcomers," he said.

Josef Miskulnig hit problems on stage 1 when he found some children on the track and had to move off the track to avoid them. He and first time navigator Klaus Schwingenschloegl hit a bump in the Nissan 240RS, "flew" and made a bad landing, damaging the steering. At that point they were "in touch with the first two cars." Further problems were in store; they drove the last two stages without 2nd and 3rd gears.

Mike Allen and Martin Phillips in the Volvo hit trouble on stage 3 when their car caught fire. They kept going despite a massive time penalty, supported admirably by Lester Feather-

Eid Fahah: tackles a curve

stonehaugh and team. Drivers were full of praise for the organisation. Al Wazzan said simply that it was "beautiful", and Al Hilal added that he did not think that Kuwait had ever had such a well organised rally.

The marshalls all worked well and there had been no problems. Miskulnig praised the attitude of some of the younger drivers, particularly Saeed Ali, who had behaved sensibly when being passed.

Some competitors were less fortunate. Al Hussein who set the fastest stage time on stage 1 went out on stage three with gearbox/clutch trouble. Again, Eid Fahah, the Marlboro sponsored driver who has had several months of bad luck suffered further problems.

Sadeq Ashkanani, his navigator, explained: "We had engine problems from the very start. There was trouble with the carburettor and our times were

very slow. Then on stage six we had a big oil leak and didn't continue. We were second at that point."

Problems

Ali Birami suffered an electrical failure in his Mitsubishi Lancer, forcing him to drop out of the rally. Peter Freiseneger in the Volkswagen Beetle went out on the first stage with engine problems. Only 18 of the 32 drivers who set out finished.

And me? My car, a Hamoo-sponsored Mitsubishi Pajero driven by Harry Carr rolled at the end of stage 8, when we were running in tenth place. Fortunately neither of us was seriously hurt.

Provisional results: 2. A. Al Hilal/F. Al Rashed, Corolla, 01:27:09; 3. T. Al Wazzan/K. Khalifa, Range Rover, 01:31:46; 10. F. Chihab/H. Al Shanteer, Mitsubishi Lancer, 01:34:06; 9. A. Al Nasser/A. Al Khamis, Mitsubishi Lancer, 01:37:25; 11. T. Al Ayan/K. Al Ayan, Charade, 01:40:52; 22. I. Al Moawad/T. Al Attar, Datsun, 01:42:33; 32. A. Al Moosa/W. Atalla, Toyota, 01:49:49; 7. J. Miskulnig/K. Schwingenschloegl, Nissan 240RS, 01:50:10; 21. N. Hassawi/A. Al Ali, Datsun, 01:52:12; 25. S. Mubarak/A. Barrak, Skyline, 01:55:41; 31. Y. Ali/A. Ahmad, Lada 1600, 01:58:40; 29. H. Al Hamid/A. Al Hamdan, Mitsubishi Galant, 02:00:31; 15. S. Ali/A. Aziz Salem, Lada 1600, 02:02:04; 23. P. Horn/M. Horn, Mazda 323, 02:04:23; 18. M. Al Omair/J. Ibrahim, Fiat Ritmo, 02:05:21; 26. M. Allen/M. Phillips, Volvo 240, 02:11:47; 29. J. Binhan/H. Kasem, Nissan 1600, 02:14:04; 19. K. Al Khammes/A. Atif Dalim, Skyline 02:31:11.



The winners: Al Hilal (right) and Al Rashed



The female co-drivers in the rally. From left: Margaret Callow, Khuloud, Hanan and Gail Seery. (Photos by Mohammed Nayer)



Tareq Alyan: strives to improve his position



Harry Carr and Gail: going smoothly before rolling over.

Osama and Rakad win at Dubai Horse Show

OSAMA Khadra produced a splendid performance to supply Kuwait with a second triumph at the Dubai Horse Show yesterday.

Taking Fury into the ten-horse jump-off for the Longines Junior Stakes, Khadra went clear in 51.02 seconds to win from Dubai's Debbie Godsave on Dubai Dancer.

Dominated

The performance resulted in more loud celebrations by the strong Kuwaiti contingent at the ten-nation show. Following Lieutenant Rakad Al Dophere's success with Liwice on Thursday in the Al Bayan Speed and Handiness Stakes.

That first-day event had been dominated by Kuwaiti riders, who are expected to mount a

strong challenge tonight in the Dunhill Cup, the last and biggest event of the show.

By winning yesterday's main competition, brilliant young English rider Duncan Ingila denied Oman's Julian Trevor-Roper a second major triumph at the show.

Going last into the jump-off in the Yashika-Jashanmal Open Stakes knowing a clear round would give him victory, Ingila coolly guided Benyon to the big prize of the day.

Until then, Trevor-Roper had looked set for a winning follow-up to his first-day success in the Mitsubishi Al Habtoor Motors Open Stakes, which still marks him as a rider to watch in the Dunhill Cup, the most prestigious of all the jumping competitions at the Dubai Metropolitan Hotel arena.

Saudi Arabia's first ever victory in the Middle East's largest showjumping event arrived yesterday in the Gulfair Intermediate Open Stakes. Hassan Saif, a member of the first group of riders from the kingdom to compete in Dubai, produced a flawless round on Aglan to take the jump-off by more than two seconds.

Riders

As established names like Harvey Smith, Malcolm Pyrah and Paul Darrah struggled to make any impression, the international stars were being overshadowed by the Gulf's top riders until Ingila came out on top in yesterday's main event.

With no other clear rounds in

the jump-off, Trevor-Roper had led with four faults and a quick time of 40.11 seconds on Nabilah, the horse on which he had piped Australian star Kevin Bacon for the first Open title of the ten-nation show 24 hours earlier.

Results

Al Bayan Speed and Handiness Stakes: 1. Lt Rakad Al Dophere (Kuwait) Liwice; 2. Lymya Al Essa (Kuwait) Excite; 3. (joint) Lt Felah Al Moteiri (Kuwait) PJ, Lt Abdullah Al Saeedi (Kuwait) Salama; 5. Julian Trevor-Roper (Oman) Habibi. Gulfair Intermediate Open Stakes: 1. Hassan Saif (Saudi Arabia) Aglan; 2. Hamda Abdullah Abulhoul (UAE) Minnie the Mink; 3. Daoud Bahrami (UAE) Khan; 4. Heather Wells

(UAE) Keyhole Kate; 5. Yousef Saleh (Saudi Arabia) Hatem; 6. Khan Mohammed (Oman) Kuwait.

Longines Junior Stakes: 1. Osama Khadra (Kuwait) Fury; 2. Debbie Godsave (UAE) Dubai Dancer; 3. Sonja Lindroos (UAE) Boxey; 4. Teresa Carew (UAE) Frolic; 5. Mohamed Alragam (Kuwait) Calle; 6. Yasser Mubarak (UAE) Pogovorka.

Yashika-Jashanmal Open Stakes: 1. Duncan Ingila (England) Benyon; 2. Julian Trevor-Roper (Oman) Nabilah; 3. Kevin Bacon (Australia) Greendale; 4. Jamil Al Awadi (Kuwait) Ballandine; 5. Paul Darrah (Ireland) Bassam; 6. Tariq Shaab (Kuwait) Sweet Briar.

Liverpool seek records and revenge

LONDON, Jan 15. (Reuters) Runaway leaders Liverpool will be seeking to continue a club record unbeaten start to the English First Division and avenge a painful defeat when they meet third-placed Arsenal tomorrow.

After 22 matches without a loss, Liverpool lead the table by 13 points from Nottingham Forest and look assured of a gentle stroll towards their 17th League title.

Doomed

Arsenal, whose own championship challenge has faded with a recent loss of form, beat Liverpool in last season's English League Cup final and will face the wrath of Merseysiders for

that unexpected defeat. Arsenal look doomed to a seventh consecutive defeat at Anfield.

Liverpool's current run has set them up to challenge several long-standing English soccer records with Leeds' 29-match unbeaten run from the start of the 1973-74 under most threat at present.

After 22 matches, Leeds had won 16 and drawn six, scoring 41 goals and conceding 11 in the process. Liverpool have won 17 and drawn five and have scored 55 goals and conceded 11.

Predictably, all talk of records is scoffed at by Liverpool's player-manager Kenny Dalglish and his staff.

A Liverpool win would lift

them 17 points clear of Arsenal and virtually end the north London club's challenge, leaving only Nottingham Forest with a chance of catching them if they suffer a prolonged loss of form.

Forest — whose 1977-78 side went unbeaten for 42 matches from November, 1977, to December, 1978, to set the longest unbeaten sequence in English League history — should consolidate their challenge with a home win over Charlton.

Football Association (FA) Cup holders Coventry, struggling in the League this season, face a repeat of last season's final against Tottenham when they visit White Hart Lane.

Tottenham, recharged by

three wins in their last four games under newly-installed manager Terry Venables, are out of the League title race in ninth position, but improving steadily.

Task

In Scotland, Premier Division leaders Glasgow Celtic face a relatively straightforward task at home to Hibernian, who are likely to include winger Micky Weir, re-signed from Luton on Wednesday, four months after he had moved south of the border.

But the top attraction will be the clash between second-placed Hearts and fourth-placed Rangers at the Edinburgh club's Tynecastle ground.

Pakistan and Soviet Union reach final

LUCKNOW, India, Jan 15. (Reuters) Olympic champions Pakistan will meet the Soviet Union in the final of the Indira Gandhi men's hockey tournament after contrasting semifinal victories today.

Pakistan had to overcome a stiff challenge from Asian champions South Korea before winning 1-0, while the Soviets outplayed New Zealand 3-0.

The Pakistan-South Korea match was absorbing throughout and was finally settled 20 minutes into the second half when Shahbaz Ahmed netted the all-important goal.

Failed

In the second semifinal, the Russians were always in command after taking a seventh minute lead through Davidov.

New Zealand were awarded a total of seven penalty corners, but the usually accurate McLeod failed to find the target and the Soviet Union were quick to capitalise.

Nechayev tapped home from close range in the 30th minute and Davidov scored again soon after the interval when he collected a loose ball and weaved through the New Zealand defence to round off the scoring.

Vatanen keeps rally lead

TESSALIT, Mali, Jan 15. (Reuters) Ari Vatanen of Finland lost his way in the mountains of central Mali yesterday but retained his overall lead in the Paris-Dakar rally.

The 450-km stage between Kidal and Tessalit was won by Frenchman Jean Bouchet in a Range Rover after the rally's top drivers failed to find an elusive checkpoint.

Vatanen, driving a Peugeot, lost 20 minutes trying to find the finishing line.

Iraq outlast Kuwait to qualify for Games

MUSCAT, Jan 15. (Reuters) Former World Cup finalists Iraq secured a place at this year's Seoul Olympics with a 1-0 win over Kuwait in a fiercely contested match today.

Joyful Iraqis who watched a live television broadcast of the game in Baghdad greeted the result with volleys of gunfire in the air.

Iraq, two of whose players went off injured, repeatedly repelled an increasingly desperate Kuwait in the second half of the game, played in Oman because of a FIFA ban on matches in countries at war.

Missed

Karem Allawi scored the only goal after 23 minutes but the Kuwaitis always threatened to equalise.

Kuwaiti captain Faisal Dakhlil missed a wide-open chance in the early minutes of the tie, the first of several narrow misses.

Kuwait, who qualified for the Moscow Olympics in 1980, had defeated Iraq 2-1 in the first leg of this west Asian group competition. They needed only to draw to make the final 12 in the fight for Olympic medals this September.

Iraq reached the final in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico. In the same group, Qatar beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 in Doha. The scorer was Hassan Gawher with a penalty in the 83rd minute.

Iraq have eight points after six games. Kuwait seven, Qatar five and Saudi Arabia four.

After the match the chairman of the Kuwait Football Association, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, congratulated the Iraqi team on its qualification for the Olympics.

However, Sheikh Fahd criticised the Jordanian referee and said that he was one of the worst that he had seen. But he was of the opinion that Kuwait should not attribute its defeat to bad refereeing.

"Although Kuwait lost the match, the team proved itself," Sheikh Fahd added.

He also said that although the referee had not done a good job, none of the Kuwaiti players attacked him and the team behaved in the best possible way. In the earlier match between the two teams, the Iraqi players had manhandled the Singaporean referee in Kuwait.

Sheikh Fahd said the team had performed to the best of its ability but regretted that it had lost and had been unable to qualify for the Olympics.

Figini wins

ZINAL, Switzerland, Jan 15. (AP) Michela Figini of Switzerland skied to an impressive victory in a women's World Cup downhill yesterday to widen her lead in the overall standings.

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H.P.C. has recently been appointed the official dealer for Alpine for the Al Rai area, by the local Alpine agent Behbehani. Alpine known world wide for its high quality construction and excellent sound reproduction, is the latest addition, to the line up of top brand names available at H.P.C. The complete selection of Alpine car products will soon be on display and expert fitting is also available. Come and see what you've been missing at H.P.C. where top quality expert service and low prices are the winning combination.



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